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Thirty years ago Governor Dummer admitted 26 female students to the Academy. It was the first time since 1901 that young women were permitted to study at the school. Prior to 1901, however, women were educated at GDA. Above is a picture of the women from the class of 1901 and to the left are Mary Ellen 1899 and Sara Burns 1901, daughters of Mary Elizabeth Fergusson Burns who was one of the first women to attend the Academy, circa 1872.

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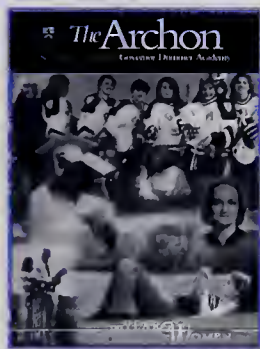


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Pictured are just a few of the women GDA pays tribute to in its year-long celebration, "The Year of Women"—The 1990 Alumnae hockey team: coach Lynda Bromley, Leslie Miller '87, Lyndsay Rowan '87, Amy Mack '87, Stephanie D'Orazio '85, Suzi Black '85, and Melanie D'Orazio '86; faculty member Elizabeth Ruhl; faculty member Janet Adams-Wall with her son Christopher; Eleanor Eames, wife of Ted Eames; Catherine Burgess '91 with Peter Bragdon; Zonovia Wright '00; and Jaimie Pressman '99



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Dear Editor,

Viewing the pictures of Thompson Auditorium's demise in the summer edition of the *Archon* left me with mixed emotions. I am pleased to see Governor Dummer Academy's commitment to the performing arts has continued since I graduated and that the school's commitment is growing. Part of me, however, is sad to see the old building go. Thompson was a focal point for many of my GDA memories. I spent a lot of time there rehearsing and performing, playing "Manteca" with the Big Wind, for instance, or "Phase Dance" in Slight Breeze. I remember the many songs I learned and played for Music Guild Concerts, putting on the winter musicals, or playing "Purple Haze" with whoever was around because it was the only song everybody knew. It was in that building Buzz Crocker woke us all up at morning meeting with his drum solos, and it was in that building we, as a school, greeted Dodge Morgan on his triumphal return from sea. Memories in that building abound of performances in which I participated and those I watched. I remember the important and the mundane in snapshots of moments and people.

Thompson's demolition reminds me once more of the importance of place in our culture and society and just how often the value of place is overlooked. While I know GDA needs to continue growing and providing greater opportunities for students, I hope there are also ways that the school can provide students with a greater appreciation for the built environment. Not only does GDA have some old and historic buildings, but Newburyport is a great laboratory for learning about buildings, their importance in creating a sense of place, and how our comprehension of our surrounding changes over time as buildings come and go. While Thompson Auditorium may not have been a historic building, it had value to those that used it over the years. I am sure the new performing arts center will be the setting of countless memories for years to come.

Yours truly,  
Christopher McMorris '87

Dear Editor,

Bill McKibben's commencement speech was exceptional. I can not imagine more appropriate words of wisdom for graduates of Governor Dummer, or for that matter, graduates of secondary schools and colleges anywhere in this country.

Mr. McKibben, an environmental specialist, spoke about the consequences of global warming, our emphasis on consuming and the nature of happiness. I wonder how the graduates internalized a key concept of his speech—"in a healthy community you find real pleasures outside the realm of consumption, you find them in your friends, in the closeness and human contact that truly ends up to be more satisfying than getting and spending." I hope they pondered over his concluding thought about happiness and what it really is.

After the events of September 11, I read his message again and became more convinced than ever of its value. His repeated use of the word "community" strikes a cord in the post bombing period. We have recently witnessed encouraging acts of coming together as a whole community—building local, state and national bonds for moving into the future. Governor Dummer was a close, friendly community when I attended. I sense that it still is and hope that its graduates will move on toward newer forms of communities based on the sorts of goals Bill McKibben described in his commencement address.

Dana Hall '47

Dear Editor

Long, long ago in 1937 I was co-editor of the *Archon* with much help from a faculty advisor. I have enjoyed reading it ever since. I find it exciting to keep up on the Byfield scene and updated on many of the alums I know.

I find the newspaper format (of the *Summer Archon*) was a giant step back from the quality we have had for years. I also find shaded backgrounds for the printing very hard to read.

Headmaster Doggett summed it up for the graduating class of 2001, "that you will go confidently into the world and display the same grace and dignity that has characterized your time at GDA."

Sincerely,  
Put Flint '37

## Editors Response:

*Thank you for your letter and comments on the Summer Archon. I appreciate your interest in the publication and truly value your opinion.*

*The newspaper style of the Summer Archon was designed to publish Commencement and Reunion information as quickly as possible.*

*Understanding that Alumni/ae and the GDA community are eager to read about these two important events, the Academy produces this special summer edition of the Archon to highlight them. The winter and spring editions of the Archon will be printed in the traditional style and will include the class notes, feature articles and campus news that our readers enjoy.*

*To ease reader's frustrations in the future, we will change the title of the summer publication to indicate that it is a supplemental addition of the Archon.*

*I apologize that the shaded backgrounds made sections of the magazine difficult to read and we will consider this in future publications.*

*Thank you for your continued interest in the Archon and all of Governor Dummer Academy's publications.*



## Development Developments

### "Lights, Camera, Auction"



Joan Ross P'03 and Kathy Thomas P'02

On October 5, GDA hosted "Lights, Camera, Auction" at the Georgetown Club, in Georgetown, MA. Mayo Morgan P'97 '02, Kathy Thomas P'02 and the Allies organized the event, a live and silent auction, to benefit the school's capital campaign. Paul and Priscilla McInnis P'02, '03 of Paul McInnis, Inc., an auction marketing company, donated their services for the evening, helping to auction off the hundreds of gifts generously donated by current parents, past parents, trustees and friends of the Academy. Some of the more sought-after auction items included a weeks lodging at a condominium in St. Bart's, the opportunity to be "Headmaster for a Day," and "California Dreaming," a weekend escape to San Francisco followed by a two-day stay at an exclusive resort in the Carmel area. The 240 people in attendance all bid spiritedly helping to raise close to \$85,000 toward the campaign. Thanks to two anonymous donors who matched the proceeds from the event 3:1, the \$85,000 quickly grew to an wonderful quarter of a million dollars.

### Grand Opening of the Performing Arts Center

Construction of the new performing arts center is complete. The 24,000 square foot facility officially opened its doors to the GDA community for the first time on December 3. That Monday morning students, faculty, and staff gathered in the 500-seat auditorium for Morning Meeting. For most, the meeting was the first opportunity to walk inside the magnificent building that, in addition to the auditorium, houses a "black box" theater, an ensemble room for band and orchestra practices, private lesson and practice rooms, and a catering kitchen.

The performing arts center is the showcase of the capital campaign *To Carry on the Work, the Campaign for Governor Dummer Academy* which was launched just over one year ago. The \$52 million campaign seeks to provide funds for faculty, programmatic and student support. For more information on *To Carry on the Work, the Campaign for Governor Dummer Academy* contact Director of Development Pat Tobin Peterman P'01 '03 at 978-465-1763.



The new Performing Arts Center



## Development Developments

### The GDA on the Road

On November 7, Jim Bride, Michelle Orvis, Mike Moonves, and Academic Dean Elaine White attended a young alumni/ae gathering in New York City. Chris Yeagley '93 helped to coordinate the mini reunion at the New York club Light, an event well attended by many graduates from the last ten years.

Two weeks later, Headmaster Marty Doggett traveled with Mike Moonves and Jim Bride to Chicago to attend a reception for alumni/ae and prospective parents hosted by David and Pamela Moore P'01 '04. The event, held at the University Club in downtown Chicago, provided a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.



Justin Marshall '99 and Erin Cushing at the University Club in Chicago

### Alumni/ae Council Update

Under the strong and energetic leadership of Alumni/ae Council President, Jim Deveney '60, the Alumni/ae Council met twice this year. As president, Jim hopes to increase participation of Alumni/ae council members in fundraising initiatives and support of events and projects put on by the Alumni/ae Council.

At the first meeting, Headmaster Marty Doggett updated the Alumni/ae Council on the state of affairs at GDA. He



Rich Guenther '71, Mary Squire (Rob Squire '75), Nathalie Anes '85 at the University Club in Chicago

reported that the school was both strong and healthy, highlighting the development of a learning center at the Academy a resource for students and faculty.

Director of Admissions Peter Bidstrup spoke to the Alumni/ae Council at the second meeting, providing some illuminating details on the trends in admissions at GDA. He explained that the number of applicants at GDA has steadily increased over the past couple of years and the school has become more competitive for both day and boarding school applicants.

Some of the projects that the Alumni/ae Council is working on include a Career Day (to be held in Fall 2002), an Athletic Hall of Fame, and a job bank to provide summer internships for GDA students. Stay tuned for more information on these and other exciting new initiatives in the *Spring Archon*.

### Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

- ~ January 6, 2002  
Winter Alumni/ae Games
- ~ February 5-7, 2002  
Florida Receptions
- ~ February 20-23, 2002  
California Receptions
- ~ April 11, 2002  
Boston Young Alumni/ae Happy Hour
- ~ April 2002  
Philadelphia Reception
- ~ April 2002  
Washington, DC Reception
- ~ May 2002  
Boston Pops
- ~ May 19, 2002  
Spring Alumni/ae Games
- ~ May 31, 2002  
Kayak and Cruise in Newburyport, MA
- ~ June 14-16, 2002  
Reunion for Old Guard (pre '52) and all classes ending in a 2 or 7



## Special Olympics

On Sunday, November 4, members of the Massachusetts professional women's soccer team, the Boston Breakers, were on hand to help kick off the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics Soccer Tournament held at GDA. For the 14th year in a row, Governor Dummer Academy hosted the tournament welcoming over 60 Special Olympic soccer teams from throughout the state to compete in five-a-side soccer games on the school fields.

Led by seniors Rachel Manikian of Atkinson, NH and Andrew Storm of Amarillo, TX and supervised by faculty advisor Maud Hamovit, the GDA student body played a major role in organizing, planning, and preparing the campus for the event. Over 250 students and faculty members volunteered their time to help run the games.

## Non Sibi Sed Aliis Day

On Monday, October 8 GDA celebrated the school's motto, "Non Sibi Sed Aliis," by serving the communities around our campus. Each class was assigned a special project and spent the day working together as a team. The senior class spent the day at the Plum Island Reservation cleaning up the beaches while the junior class went to the Salisbury State Reservation to help remove trash and litter from the campsites and waterfront. The sophomores repaired boardwalks and helped the staff at Sandy Point and the Parker River Refuge. Dividing up responsibilities, some of the freshman class worked on campus, cleaning windows and picking up trash, while others spent the day in Lawrence, MA sweeping the streets and removing litter. The mayor of Lawrence, grateful for the efforts of the GDA students on behalf of his city, treated the class to a pizza lunch.



Candlelight service at Moseley Chapel

## GDA Responds to September 11

In perhaps one of the most tragic and trying times in recent United States History, the GDA community responded with compassion and grace, reaching out to each other and the community at large.

On that tragic Tuesday evening Student Body President Mike Woods and Senior Class President Shane MacDonald organized a candlelight ceremony, bringing the community together to comfort one another. Through song, poetry, and prayer, students and faculty expressed their grief, patriotism and hope for peace. As candlelight illuminated Moseley Chapel, the service concluded with the nearly 200 in attendance joining in a chorus of "God Bless America."

In the days following the attacks, the community launched fundraisers and blood drives to help those who had been so tragically affected by the events. Vans filled with students and faculty drove to local Red Cross offices to donate blood and students organized a Jeans and Hat Day (a fundraiser where students make a donation for the opportunity to wear jeans and hat during the school day) and other fundraisers to collect money for the victims of September 11.

The September 11 tragedy has reinforced the connections we have to one another and our commitment to a community that values teamwork, service, and respect for others. As Headmaster Doggett explains, "The mission of Governor Dummer Academy has perhaps never been more relevant. We must foster the qualities of imagination, empathy and civic responsibility that will enable our students to be the effective architects of future solutions for our planet."



# STUDENTS ACHIEVE

## Students Named to Cum Laude Society

This September nine GDA students were elected into the Governor Dummer Academy chapter of the national Cum Laude Society. The students recognized earned a minimum of a 3.3 weighted grade point average at the end of their junior year, and are found within the top ten per-

cent of their class.

Those honored for their outstanding academic achievements included seniors Michael Askenase of North Reading, MA; Rachel Chung of Plaistow, NH; Fransesca DeMeo of Boxford, MA; Rachelle Dennis

of Andover, MA; Kristen Gorham of Tewksbury, MA; Rachel Manikian of Atkinson, NH; Marienna Murch of Rockport, MA; Yuri Samsonov of Middleton, MA; and Jocelyn Scheintaub of Byfield, MA.

## Students Achieve in National Merit Program

On Monday, September 24, 2001 Headmaster Marty Doggett presented a Letter of Commendation to Michael Askenase of Reading, MA; Rachelle Dennis of Andover, MA; Kristen Gorham of Tewksbury, MA; Alexander Harris of Georgetown, MA; McKenzie Jones of Andover, MA; Christopher McInnis of North Hampton, NH; and Marienna Murch of Rockport, MA from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. They were among 34,000 seniors recognized nationally as Commended Students in the 2002 National Merit Scholarship Program. The Commended Students placed in the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2002 competition.

A spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation offered the following comment: "The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their performance in our very competitive Merit Program. In a nation that values excellence, it is important to

publicly honor scholastically talented youth and acknowledge the role schools play in nurturing their development. We hope this recognition will augment the educational opportunities of Commended Students and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

## Excellence in Education Achievement Awards

The Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank recently announced the recipients of its fifth annual Excellence in Education Achievement Awards. Rewarding students in their junior year from six local high schools for their academic excellence and hard work, the bank honored the students at a banquet on September 20, 2001. GDA students Allison Tsao of Newburyport, MA; Allen Cooper of Newburyport, MA; Michael Oxtan of Amesbury, MA; and Amrit Misra of Newburyport, MA were among those honored.

## Ten GDA Graduates Named AP Scholars

This fall, the College Board recognized ten GDA graduates from the Class

of 2001 as Advanced Placement Scholars in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Exams. Of the over 840,000 students who took the exams in May 2001, only 13 percent performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Alyssa Chirlin of Newburyport, MA qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of 3.5 or higher on all AP Exams taken, and 3.0 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Julia Newman of Beverly, MA qualified for the AP Scholar Honor Award by earning an average grade of 3.25 or higher on all AP Exams taken, and 3.0 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Caitlin Cooper of Newburyport, MA; Courtney Craft of Melrose, MA; Kim Jones of Wenham, MA; Bradley Kasnet of Exeter, NH; Timothy Lamson of Ipswich, MA; Laurence Lyons of Newbury, MA; Caitlin McIntosh of Winchester, MA; and Jessica Ross of Ipswich, MA qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3.0 or higher.



# Welcome New Trustees

**C. David Grayer** resides in North Reading, MA. After earning his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Howard University in Washington, DC, he founded the law firm Grayer & Dilday where he has practiced matrimonial and employment law for the last 23 years. Grayer is also an adjunct professor at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, MA and a Professor of Business Law at the Bunker Hill Community College in Boston, MA. In addition to his professional responsibilities, he also volunteers as Regional One Director of the National Bar Association and as Legal Advisor to the NAACP. He is a member of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Committee, the Advisory Board for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Community College Advisory Board.

He and his wife Rose Budd have two daughters Cara and Daria '00. WHN is an attorney and Daria '00 is studying at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.

**Dolly Miller Shalvoy** spent a year in Florence, Italy studying the Art and Architecture of Western Europe and received her Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and Art History from Ohio State University in 1971. After working as a buyer and manager for retail companies for eleven years, she founded her own design company, Miller Shalvoy Designs.

Ms. Shalvoy was first introduced to GDA in 1998 when her son Brenton '02 enrolled as a freshman. Her daughter Alexandra joined him this year as a member of the class of 2004. A dedicated parent volunteer, she has become a lifetime member of the Allies Association.

Shalvoy also devotes her spare time to many community organizations including the Junior League of San Diego, the Junior League of Palo Alto-Menlo Park, The San Francisco Fall Antiques Show and the Eaglebrook School. She and her husband Charles reside in Atherton, CA.



Rev. Berry-Burton

**Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton** was ordained in 1997 after earning a Bachelor of Science in Education from Georgia University and a Master of Divinity from the Andover Newton Theological School. She serves as Campus Chaplain at the University of Massachusetts, Boston; a Youth Minister and Organizer with First Light Youth Project through the First Lutheran Church in Lynn, MA; and as Associate Pastor at the Zion Baptist Church in Lynn, MA.

Rev. Berry-Burton sits on many boards and commissions including the Commission on Social Witness, My Brother's Table, Brookwood School Board of Trustees, and the Essex County Community Organization. She has four children, Raymond '96, Jessica '04, LaShawne, and Jonathan, and lives with her husband Joseph in Lynn, MA.



**James B. Brayshaw** is teaching in the Mathematics Department. Jamie, coming from Kent School in Connecticut is a 1983 Cum Laude graduate of Princeton University with an A.B. in Economics and a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering/Applied Mechanics from the University of Virginia. His professional experience includes banking as well as research and teaching at the Institute of Textile Technology in Virginia. He and his wife, Amy, live in Commons and Jamie is a dorm associate in Boynton House.

**Arthur C. Calvano** is teaching Spanish in the Language Department. Arthur is a 1993 graduate of The College of the Holy Cross with a bachelor's in Spanish. He earned his master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College. Originally from Winthrop, he has taught at Savio Preparatory High School, Cushing Academy, and St. John's High School. He is living and dorm parenting in Eames House.

**Eli Cohen**, a Cum Laude graduate from George Washington University, is teaching Spanish. He comes to GDA after serving as a Bilingual Assistant for the Spanish School at Middlebury College in Vermont where he is pursuing a master's degree in Spanish. Eli lives in Commons and is an associate dorm parent in Farmhouse.

**Anna E. Finch** is joining our English Department. Anna has 15 years of teaching experience at North Yarmouth Academy, Hanover High School, Timberlane Regional High School, and most recently Concord-Carlisle Regional High School, where she

chaired the English Department. Anna earned a bachelor's degree in English Composition from Beloit College and a master's degree from Harvard Graduate

University is joining the Mathematics Department, teaching Algebra I and Geometry. This past year, Frances worked with Trinity Partners, Inc. of Dedham,

## WELCOME NEW FACULTY



New Faculty: Arthur Calvano, Eli Cohen, Emily Sagalyn, Amanda Jones

School of Education Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English. Anna and her husband, history teacher Peter Werner, live in Perkins Dormitory and Anna is a dorm associate in Boynton House.

**Patricia Har**, a high honors graduate of Wesleyan University in 1999 with a B.A. from the College of Letters, is joining the English Department. She has been working as a project manager for CitySoft, Inc., a computer consulting firm headquartered in Brooklyn, NY. Tricia is living and dorm parenting in Farmhouse.

**Frances Holland**, a 2000 Cum Laude graduate of Harvard

providing marketing and strategy consultation to major pharmaceutical companies. Frances lives in Commons and is a dorm associate in Moody House.

**Amanda E. Jones**, who is joining our History Department, is a 1996 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Williams College with a B.A. in History and Art History and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After working two years at The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, NM, Amanda enrolled in a doctoral program in Art History at the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her master's degree last year and expects to complete her doctoral coursework and exams this summer. Amanda is living and dorm parenting in Moody House.

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# COMMON BOOK

"...Strange and wonderful things are happening in the science labs around the world.

Scientists in Scotland clone a sheep from an adult cell. Researchers decipher the entire DNA sequence, every last gene, used by the bacterium *Escherichia coli*, Pharming—the practice of genetically engineering animals to produce pharmaceuticals for human use—becomes a burgeoning industry. A research group in Japan discovers that large fragments of human chromosomes, with up to one thousand genes, can be incorporated into the mouse genome."

These laboratory developments present exciting opportunities for the writers of science fiction and author Nancy Kress has taken full advantage. Kress, the author of eighteen books: three early fantasy novels, eight science fiction novels, two thrillers, three collections of short stories, a YA novel and two non-fiction books about writing, was selected as this year's Common Book author.

The Common Book Program, now in its thirteenth year, invites an author to campus for a special day of learning. Each year, the Common Book Committee, made up of GDA students and faculty, selects an author and book that the GDA community is asked to read. The author then spends a day on campus discussing the common book and offering workshops for students, faculty and friends of the Academy. This year the GDA community read Kress's short story collection, *Beaker's Dozen*—a compilation of science fiction stories exploring the possible outcomes of today's scientific discoveries.

On October 30 Kress came to GDA and offered a convocation address and three workshops including: *Strange Bedfellows: The Marriage of Fiction* and



Author, Nancy Kress

*Science; Beginnings, Middles and Ends: Writing Short Stories and Science Fiction: Ethical Dilemmas in Your Future.*

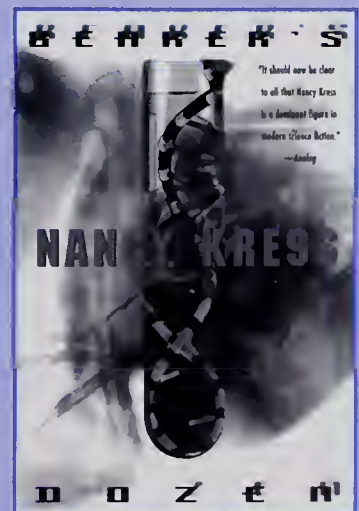
During her convocation address, Kress explained how science fiction differs from other writing styles. She noted that literature often reinforces what we want to believe—in romance novels the reader is reassured that love solves all and when reading mysteries, one is reminded that crime does not pay. However, science fiction tends to take what we like to believe and says it is not true. Kress pointed to several of her stories in *Beaker's Dozen* that illustrate such "subversive" ideas such as *Beggars in Spain* which attacks the idea that all men are created equal and presents the idea that scientists could discover something that has no downsides, something most people believe impossible. Science fiction authors, our common book author explained, distort the large picture to put something into focus.

In her first workshop of the day, *Strange Bedfellows: The Marriage of Fiction*, Kress described the uneasy relationship of scientists and science fiction authors. Kress explained that while scientists work to discover how the world works, fiction authors like to create new worlds. Science fiction authors often look for the possibilities for where things can go wrong while scientists work to prevent catastrophes.

In the second workshop of the day, *Beginnings, Middles and Ends: Writing*

*Short Stories*, she discussed the writing process and noted that it was different for different people. She coached the students through the process she uses. She brought up a newspaper article about the fossilized remains of a giant alligator and, guiding the students, she helped them develop a fictional story behind the discovered fossil. The students suggested characters, conflicts, settings and motivations that could have led to the alligator's demise. The exercise engaged the students who excitedly shared their plots and ideas. Kress also shared with the group that she often doesn't know where a story is headed or where it will end when she starts. Indeed, she has a lengthy manuscript which is now languishing on a shelf as she can't come up with an ending.

Kress ended the day with a discussion on the moral decisions we are likely to face in the near future with regards to scientific possibilities in Science Fiction: *Ethical Dilemmas in Your Future*. Some of the questions she presented to the audience included: Should cloning be allowed? Is genetic engineering acceptable? If so, what should the limitations be? Should we be able to alter human genes to eliminate disease, decrease baldness or increase intelligence? What should be done with unused embryos—should they be discarded? Can they be sold? A lively conversation ensued with student debating over the "ethical dilemmas in their future."





## Cross Country

In David Abusamra's 21 years of coaching Women's Cross Country, the team has seen its share of victories, undefeated seasons, record breaking runs and New England Championships. But this fall, Abusamra, along with Jeff Kelly and Amanda Ulsh, coached the team to its greatest season yet.

After an undefeated season, the team traveled to Lawrence Academy for the Independent School Championship meet. The weather was favorable for running and the course provided many challenges with steep up and down hills and tight corners. The team ran hard and earned 81 team points, defeating all the teams to win the ISL Championship for the first time in school history. Lesley Clunie '04 of Newburyport, MA, who had an amazing season, finished third out of 83 racers in 20:11. Overall, GDA placed four girls in the top twenty and all seven in the top 32. Julia Tataronis '03 of Berlin, MA and Kelsey Quigley '04 of Byfield, MA fin-

ished 14th and 15th respectively; Lindsey Marsh '04 of Andover, MA finished 20th and Caroline Ott '05 of Boxford, MA finished 32nd. Captains Gwyneth Stokes '03 (29th) of Newbury, MA and Laura Ellison '03 (30th) of North Andover, MA, who were the critical fifth and sixth finishers for the team, accepted the championship plaque.

A week after their momentous victory at Lawrence Academy, the team was ready for the New England Division II Championship race at the Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford, CT. The Varsity team defeated runner-up Hopkins School of New Haven, CT for the second year in a row, 60-73, to capture the title and fittingly end its undefeated season. Lesley Clunie set a personal best and outdistanced the other 123 racers, completing the flat, dusty, circuitous 5K course in 18:40. Her nearest competition was 22 seconds behind. Along with Clunie's first place finish, the Governors enjoyed Top 15 finishes from Julia Tataronis (9th) and Kelsey Quigley (11th), all three of whom earned All-New England honors. Laura Ellison placed 18th, Lindsey Marsh 25th,

Gwyneth Stokes 30th, and Caroline Ott 35th. While the GDA girls have enjoyed undefeated seasons and New England Championships in the past, never before in their history have they attained an victorious season, a New England Championship and an Independent School League title all at once.

Lesley Clunie was recognized for her spectacular season with the Most Valuable Player award and Laura Ellison earned the Coach's Award. Both received All League Honors and Julia L. Tataronis of Berlin, MA earned All League Honorable Mention.

The Men's Cross Country team finished the season with a solid sixth place finish in the Division III New England Championship at the Middlesex School. The team was lead by Allen Cooper '03 of Newburyport, MA, who placed 13th of 122 runners, completing the fast 5K course in 16:58, 54 seconds off the leader. For his top 15 finish, he was awarded a medal and honored with All-New England status.

The team won every home meet, but one, a loss to their toughest rival St. Paul's, to finish the season over 500 with a 9-7 record. Allen Cooper, who had an exceptional season, earned the Most Valuable Player Award and All League Honors.



## Field Hockey

With an outstanding passing game, strong defense and relentless spirit, the field hockey team improved its record from last year to 5-6-4. Angela Rappoli '03 of Danvers, MA led the defense and proved to be a formidable goalie with three shut-outs for the season. She was awarded the Most Valuable Player award



for her efforts. Lauren Marsh '02 of Andover, MA won the Coach's Award. All League Honors were awarded to senior captain Shannon Falvey '03 of Lynn, MA and freshman Moira Talbot of Essex, MA. Sterling Winder '04 of Manchester, MA and Ashley Foley '04 of Byfield, MA earned All League Honorable Mention.



## Football

The football team had an exciting season this fall, concluding with a thrilling win over Tabor Academy in the Stone Monahan Class B NEPSAC Championship Game (see Boston Globe article on xyz). All League Honors were bestowed upon five players: James "JJ" Morrissey '02 of Winchester, MA; Jackson Parker '02 of Woolrich, ME; and Rafael Rodriguez '02 of Haverhill, MA; and Garrett A. Lyons '03.

Juniors Harold Baumann of Bradford, MA; Oliver W. Burns of Rose Bay, Australia; and John Leonard of Woolrich, ME all earned All League Honorable Mention. Most Valuable Player recognition was awarded to JJ Morrissey.

## Soccer

The varsity women's soccer team faced a competitive league this fall finishing the season 5-9-2. Season highlighted included shut-out victories over Holderness and Philips Exeter Academy. Amanda Webb '04 of Danvers, MA earned All League Honors and seniors Melissa Bourque '02 of Topsfield, MA and Delia Cox of Newbury, MA received All

League Honorable Mention. Melissa Bourque and Delia Cox also shared Most Valuable Player honors.

The strong senior squad on the men's varsity soccer team led the team to a successful season. With five shut out victories and eight wins overall, the team narrowly missed post-season play. Benjamin Corriveau '02 of Freeport, ME

earned All League Honors and was recognized as the team's Most Valuable Player. Lars Bjork '02 of Centerville, VA was honored for his spirit and desire with the Howard J. Navins award, named for former coach and teacher, Buster Navins.

## GDA Takes its Rightful Place

By Adam Kurkjian, Globe Correspondent

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Governor Dummer did not like its third-place rank in the Independent Schools League. The Governors prefer their placement today, which is No. 1 in New England.

GDA used an opportunistic defense and a quick-striking offense to pull away from Tabor in the second half of yesterday's Stone-Monahan Class B NEPSAC title game for a 40-14 victory.

Senior running back J.J. Morrissey rushed for 103 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries, and junior quarterback John Leonard completed 7 of 12 passes for 216 yards and three touchdowns and just one interception to propel GDA to its first New England title since 1995.

It was a title that almost wasn't for GDA (7-2), because Lawrence Academy won the ISL, but declined to go to the postseason because it came during exam week.

Still the Governors proved they belonged right away. After a Benjamin Doyle fumble recovery gave the Governors the ball at their 31, Leonard found Antonio Valverde on a crossing pattern, and the senior sped by the Tabor secondary for a 69-yard touchdown.

Tabor grabbed the lead in the second quarter when quarterback Paul Pita hit Tyler Brown on a 3-yard touchdown on fourth and goal.

"I told (my team) before the game that (Tabor) would throw some good punches at us," said Governor Dummer coach Mark Gerry. "If we can weather them, we can wear them down. I think that came true today."

It only took GDA one play to respond, as Morrissey took a screen pass to the far sideline and weaved through the defenders for a 70-yard touchdown reception. Leonard hit George Paone for the conversion to make it 14-7, GDA.

"It happens sometimes," said Morrissey of his big plays. "You just have to keep your feet moving. It's not just me, it's my line, and my wide receivers and my quarterback, all working together. If I break one, it's my job as a running back."



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**Thomas M. Robertson**, who earned his bachelor's in English from Dartmouth College in 1991 and is working toward his master's in English Literature at the University of New Hampshire, is joining our English Department. Tom has nine years of teaching experience, including five teaching English and English as a Second Language at Perkiomen School in Pennsylvania, and four teaching in environmental/outdoor education programs at Otter Lake Conservation School in Greenfield, NH and Nature's Classroom in Charlton, MA. Tom and his wife, Sharon Slater, who joined our History Department last September, live in Commons with their two daughters. Tom is a dorm associate in Ingham Dormitory.

**Emily Sagalyn**, a 2000 graduate of Columbia University with a bachelor's in Neuroscience and Behavior, is joining the Science Department for one year while Judy Rokous takes a leave of absence after giving birth to her third child this summer. Emily just completed the year teaching biology and chemistry in a fellowship for first-year teachers at St. Paul's School in New Hampshire. She lives off campus and is a dorm associate in Farmhouse.

**Tracy Stickney** joins the Science Department full-time. Tracy coached field hockey and tennis at GDA last year, and assisted head coach Isaiah Suggs in coaching the varsity women's basketball team to the New England Class B Championship. Tracy is a 1991 graduate of Wake Forest University with a B.S. in Exercise Science. She has taught and coached at Salem Academy in North Carolina and has spent many years coaching field hockey in summer camps, in the U.S. Field Hockey Futures Program, and at the University of Vermont. Tracy is living and dorm parenting in Ingham Dormitory.



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Ngai Otieno's 4-yard touchdown run helped tie it at 14 for Tabor, but that's as close as the Seawolves got.

Part of the reason for GDA's second-half dominance was its ability to contain Otieno, holding him to 25 yards on 10 carries after 144 yards on 22 carries in the first half. GDA middle linebacker Jackson Parker played well defensively, despite tearing cartilage in his ankle in the first half.

"He shouldn't have been in there," said Gerry of Parker. "He was out there on a bum leg in the second half. He did a great job."

On Tabor's first possession of the second half, the Tabor punter's knee touched the ground before he could kick, and GDA got the ball at the Tabor 11. Two Morrissey runs later, the Governors were in the end zone.

In the fourth quarter, Leonard took an option to the left 39 yards to the Tabor 3. Two plays later, Leonard scored on a 1-yard dive to make it 27-14, GDA.

Oliver Burns recovered a Tabor fumble on the next possession. Morrissey then went back to work, taking a handoff 59 yards for his third touchdown of the day.

"How about J.J. Morrissey?" said Gerry of the senior who will attend the University of Virginia on a lacrosse scholarship. "He is unbelievable." Tabor coach Anthony Kandel agreed. "He's a great player. Awesome player."

After yet another Tabor (6-3) fumble, GDA finished off its opponent with a 51-yard touchdown pass from Leonard to Valverde.

"I feel very lucky to be here," said Gerry. "And I told the coaches at the (ISL) meeting, we'll try to do the league proud."



## HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE



"THE 'YEAR OF WOMEN' IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE AS A SCHOOL IN THE AREA OF GENDER EQUALITY AND UNDERSTANDING, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE JOURNEY REMAINS UNFINISHED AND TO REMEMBER HOW MUCH WE OWE TO THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US."

2001-2002 has been designated as the "Year of Women" at Governor Dummer Academy. In part we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of coeducation at the Academy but also, in a larger sense, we are honoring the contributions that women have made to GDA. Alumnae panel discussions, a speaker series featuring prominent women, an evening showcasing the musical and artistic talents of female graduates, and a benefit performance of the Vagina Monologues in the new performing arts center are a few of the events scheduled to mark this moment in the school's history.

For those of us living in Byfield in the late fall of 2001, when women hold key leadership roles at the Academy, sit on the Board of Trustees, participate on teams that win New England championships, infuse the creative and performing arts with talent and vitality, and are among our best students, it is easy to forget that it was not always so. It is easy to forget how difficult it must have been for those early female pioneers, both students and faculty, who came to an institution that had been a boys' school for well over two centuries. It is easy to forget that this was occurring during a period when many of the nation's assumptions about race, gender, foreign policy, and the environment were being challenged and reconsidered. It is easy to forget that the culture of a school changes and evolves slowly and that during transi-

tions there is tension and discomfort.

GDA was a very different place three decades ago. It is therefore important to remember our heritage. Let us now praise famous (and perhaps not-so-famous) women who have helped to create a more complete community at Governor Dummer Academy.

The significant role that faculty spouses play in residential schools has long been underestimated. Faculty spouses have always been the glue that held these places together. Historically, the "triple threat" model—teacher, coach and dormitory master—was only successful because spouses effectively managed the household and family. During the early days of coeducation, when the faculty was still predominately male and spouses female, these women were also particularly important sources of strength and support to the new female students.

Female teachers and coaches hired during the 1970s served as critical role models and mentors for female students. Their presence diversified and strengthened an already strong faculty. They brought a different voice to the Academy and were catalysts for innovation and change.

Our parents' organization, the Allies, traditionally has been comprised primarily of mothers. Over the years they have provided financial support for scholarships, championed curricular and co-curricular

projects that have benefited students, and been outstanding ambassadors for the school as admissions greeters.

GDA has long been blessed with a highly competent and loyal staff. Women have been mainstays of the administrative offices, the food services, and the buildings and grounds crew. They have been pivotal behind-the-scenes contributors to the school's growth and enhancement. Their professionalism, commitment, friendship, and senses of humor have made a critical difference in the educational experience of generations of students.

Finally, we pay tribute to those first classes of females who blazed new trails, forcing the Academy to re-examine some of its assumptions and practices, while fundamentally embracing and advancing the mission of GDA. They helped to make Governor Dummer a more inclusive and vibrant place.

The "Year of Women" is an opportunity to celebrate the progress we have made as a school in the area of gender equality and understanding, to acknowledge that the journey remains unfinished, and to remember how much we owe to those who came before us.

*John M. Dossett*





## Coeducation

by Kristina Young '02

Academy. It was in the fall of 1971 and my father was starting his junior year at GDA. As I listened to him tell the numerous stories about how this monumental step affected him, I could never understand the true significance of such a change. But now, 30 years after that autumn, as I take part in my last and final year at Governor Dummer, I understand why my father's stories are so important and how they not

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only affected the generation of students in his time but my generation as well.

The effects of coeducation can be seen everywhere at GDA. Statistically, there are 369 students at GDA. Out of that number, 167 are girls and 202 are boys. That is not a huge difference, considering the fact that when girls first came to GDA there were only 26 girls out of about 230 students. But numbers are only numbers, and it is clear that the hands of coeducation reach far beyond the limits of a statistical number.

I can speak on the topic of coeducation from the experience of having attended both a single sex school and a coeducational school. When my family lived in Texas, I attended an all girl school for six years. As I was very young when I started

this school, it seemed natural to me that girls and boys should be split up. I felt as if I was a part of something special. "Boys had their schools, and now we had ours," I often thought. I always volunteered to participate in class and I never had to worry about saying something stupid for fear that I might embarrass myself in front of my crush.

The separation from boys never affected my schoolwork until my sixth grade year. This was the year that everyone at my school started becoming friends with the boys at a nearby all boys school. Because we couldn't see them at school everyday, my friends and I always spent hours on the phone each night talking to our new friends. I felt like I had to make up for the time I missed when I couldn't see them at school. My life revolved around that phone because we hadn't yet reached the stage where you could hang out with boys on the weekends unless someone was having a coed birthday party, which was very cutting edge amongst us sixth graders.

Now that I think of all of this, it



sounds silly, but I have other reasons for favoring coed schools that have nothing to do with which boys I talked to.

After my blossoming sixth grade year in Texas, my family moved to Massachusetts. Here, I was forced to go to a coed school because there were no single sex schools nearby. I was really mad about this and I didn't know what to do. "A coed school," I said, but I can't interact with boys at school." I was used to separating work from socializing; I guess when you are 12 socializing with girls didn't really count.

At my new coed school I was really quiet in class and I hated giving presentations. Even after I got used to everyone and my new surroundings, I often chose to sit back and observe, rather than actively participate. Yet while I initially complained and blamed my shyness on the fact that being in class with boys made me nervous and self conscious, I can now see why coeducation is helpful and in some cases essential for preparing students for the "real" world.

Because I hate generalizing, I can only explain why I think coeducation is a successful process, but I also acknowledge and understand that for some people single sex environments allow them to develop more successfully. Yet for some girls, especially those at my school in Texas, I can imagine the shock they might feel when they are taken from an all girl environment and thrown into an environment where girls and boys interact everyday on many different levels.

My school in Texas started with pre-

kindergarten and went all the way up to the twelfth grade, meaning some of the girls spend 14 years there. I would have been there for 12 years if we hadn't moved. That is a long time to be in the

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same environment, and it is not, unfortunately, an environment that represents an accurate view of the world. Single sex institutions can develop strong, young women that go out into the world to do great things. For others it creates adjustment problems. Personally, I had a hard time when I started going to a coed school simply because I was not used to interacting with boys in the classroom. I had no problem talking to them and making friends outside of school, but when I saw them at school everyday, it changed my views about many things.

At the all girl school, I was full of confidence. I thought I knew everything, but as soon as I got in the classroom with boys I lost all of my confidence. I didn't think I was smart enough and I was afraid of speaking up and sounding stupid. Yet over time, I was able to develop and establish myself with peers of both sexes. I never doubted myself when I was with the thousand other girls that attended my school in Texas, but I doubted myself

when I was with 369 boys and girls together. My coeducational experience changed me.

I know that in some cases single sex schools are very successful, but I also know that Governor Dummer wouldn't be the same school that it is today if those 26 girls never set foot on campus in the fall of 1971. When they embarked on their own personal journeys and sacrificed certain comfort levels and privileges they might have experienced at other single sex or coeducational schools to change Governor Dummer; they also altered and impacted far more people than they will ever know. And I find that while the times and campus landscape have changed, the same spirit and determination that existed in those Governor Dummer pioneers still exists in the GDA girls of today and will persist with the GDA girls of the future. We will continue to show everyone, both male and female, that bringing girls to this school was perhaps the best and most significant decision in the history of Governor Dummer Academy.



# The First Generation

By Kathleen Livermore '79 P'04

*Kathleen Leary Livermore '79 P'04 was one of the first females to graduate from Governor Dummer Academy and was the first alumna to send a child to GDA. Today Kathleen sits on the GDA Board of Trustees and Co-chairs the Year of Women Committee. On October 31, 2001 she announced the year-long celebration "Year of Women" at Chapel with the following speech.*

Thirty years ago, in the fall of 1971, Governor Dummer Academy went coed. A handful of day girls blazed trails by coming to Byfield that September and, in truly glorious ways, GDA hasn't been the same since.

**Governor Dummer has changed more in the last thirty years than in any other time since 1763, and the women who came before you have stories to tell.**

This week we are launching a year long celebration to honor thirty years of coeducation at GDA. We are calling this celebration "The Year of Women."

Female graduates will be invited to come back to visit GDA. We will have guest speakers and panel discussions, a performing arts evening and a few dinner parties. Through a great deal of the festivities you will probably be wondering what all this has to do with you and the GDA you know. It has to do with you in two very important ways.

First, this celebration of GDA women is about our history. Governor Dummer has changed more in the last thirty years than in any other time since 1763, and the women who came before you have stories to tell. For instance, back in 1971, the girls, all of them, were brought into this chapel for P.E. class. They were not allowed to do calisthenics

in the Alumni Gymnasium because it was feared that bending and stretching females in gym shorts would be too much of a distraction for the boys. In 1975, four years after we went co-ed, GDA was still bussing Dana Hall girls onto campus whenever we had a dance a "mixer" it was called then). GDA girls lined up on one side of the dining hall with the Dana Hall girls lined up on the other and GDA boys in the middle, did not make for the most relaxing social experience, in my opinion.

In the early 70s, we had one sport to choose from each season, one all-purpose coach. We had no female classmates of color.

You have a legend in your midst and most of you don't even realize it. Elaine White was the first woman ever named department chair at Governor Dummer Academy.

Try to listen to the stories this year; try to gain a sense of our history and an appreciation for just how far we have come.

The second reason this year's celebration applies to you and the GDA you know is because the work of coeducation is not finished. This is the part where if you are male you can stay asleep, but if you have ovaries, I need you to listen.

Why celebrate "thirty years of women?" Thirty isn't a quarter century or a half century. What is it?

It is a generation. Thirty years is an entire generation.

At least two of you are the daughters

of women who attended Governor Dummer. All of you who are female are the second generation of GDA women and the real success of coeducation rests with you.

In 1974 I sat in an Algebra I classroom over in Parsons and day after day I was the only female in the room. This past May, in 2001, as a trustee I sat in a meeting of the board over in the French Building and I was the only woman in the room.

My generation is not going to see parity and equality at the highest levels of Governor Dummer. But your generation will, if you make it happen—if, as you

emerge into adult womanhood you remain committed to Governor Dummer Academy. If you come back to GDA as alumnae, give of your energy, stay in touch with your classmates; if you become class agents and class secretaries and distinguished donors to the school. If, with your time and talent and professional skills, you make yourself visible candidates for the Board.

Coeducation will have truly arrived in Byfield when the Board of Trustees no longer looks like the Governor Dummer of 1971 but, rather, like the Governor Dummer you know.

My generation of women is depending upon you to take GDA into the 21st century. The first thirty years of GDA women blazed the trails to the base camp, but you GDA women get to conquer the mountain.

Goddess Speed!



# One Perspective

By Elizabeth A. Ruhl M.Ed.  
Director of Counseling, Department  
of History

Over the past 18 years I have had the great privilege of being a part of a very historic and very unique institution. I have also had the good fortune to be a part of the world at-large, a woman who graduated from high school in the early 1970s, and who has been a witness and a participant in the evolving discussion and activism that surrounds the changing roles of women in America.

In 1984, during my inaugural year at Governor Dummer, the school was still in the throes of change. Thirteen years had passed since the initial matriculation of women at GDA, but historic institutions can be the harbingers of methodical and often reactive alteration. When I was offered this job, I was not cognizant of the fact that I would be the only female member of the History Department, and that this would remain true for the first few years. My professional experience, prior to coming to GDA, was such that I was nearly always the minority with respect to gender—therefore the situation neither concerned me nor provided any reason to not fully invest myself in the collegiality of my department. Dave Williams, the department chairman hired me and for many years mentored me with aplomb. To this day he remains a dear and trusted friend. Dave, along with Bill Sperry, accepted me, respected me, and never once treated me as anything less than an equal. More than anything, they provided a safe environment in which to engage in any number of dialogues about any number of topics, including gender issues. Being historians, they understood the nature of change and also recognized that resistance to change would never benefit the institution and



certainly would never serve the needs of an increasingly diverse student body.

The culture of the mid-1980s was focused on the rhetoric of equality but very seldom the practice of gender equity. More often than not the media expounded upon the past triumphs of women but ignored the historic and underlying causes of continued oppression. The fundamental message of feminism, which is to win for women a wider range of opportunities and experiences, became lost in the economic prosperity that was celebrated toward the end of that decade.

As Governor Dummer Academy began to admit an increasing number of female students, therefore increasing the need to focus on how to best serve this population, the American media was lulling us into the belief that the women's movement had met their goals. Women throughout America, they told us, had 'made it.' The fight for equality had been won, feminism was dead, and so many doors had been kicked open by women that they no longer even needed an Equal Rights Amendment.

I heard these messages and carefully followed the media portrayal of women in America. Yet what I heard young women saying in the classroom every day and in the Counseling Office did not measure up to the picture painted by the publications to which they were all being exposed. In fact, what they were hearing was that they were equal now, so stop complaining.

Around this time, as I was witnessing an increasing amount of angst, a publication appeared that was both inspirational and motivational. Ten years ago, when GDA was celebrating 20 years of the matriculation of women, Susan Faludi had just authored her landmark best seller called *Backlash*. Her thesis focused on what she termed "the undeclared war against American women." In her first chapter titled "Blame it on Feminism" she began to chronicle what she perceived to be the ebb and flow of anti-feminist activity in American history. *Backlash* occurred when any minority group was perceived to make strides that improved their condition. At the point of progress, the dominant culture would then launch a campaign of negativity, often blaming the ills of society on the group striving for equality. In the late 1980s and early 1990s this was happening to the women's movement, and while many young women at GDA were most likely not aware of the political and psychological propaganda, they were feeling like victims of a very profound cultural message.

Throughout my education I have known that American history has been largely written by white males. Yet we all know that one of the things that makes this country so uniquely wonderful is the wealth of perspective contributed by so many different groups. As a History Department, we owed our students a wider perspective and a broad-



er base of knowledge from which to understand their own experiences. In Dave Williams, I found the heart of a feminist: he supported the inception of a course called Feminine Perspectives in American History to be taught in alternate years.

Today the course has evolved as Women's Issues in American History and is taught yearly. The goal is to explore the changing roles of women in America, the emergence of the women's rights movement, and the examination of the state of equality for women as it does or does not

idea that women are full members of society. What I have always embraced about Governor Dummer is that it consistently provides a safe atmosphere in which to examine our policies and practices. We are not afraid to examine the philosophy behind our practices and address our shortcomings.

If you believe the words of Mary Pipher in her 1994 book *Reviving Ophelia*, "girls come of age in a misogynist culture in which men have most political and economic power." If, as she says, we

continue to live in a culture where girls find it necessary to split into "true and false selves," then we as educators and counselors have our work cut out for us.

From my perspective as

a faculty member and as the Director of Counseling, young women have evolved during my 18 years at GDA. This evolution has been painful and slow, not necessarily because of the ethos of this school, but rather because of the backlash produced by American society as a whole. Young women are constantly bombarded by the mixed messages of popular culture and it is our responsibility as educators and counselors to recognize and challenge these messages. On the first day of the Women's Issues class I ask the students how many of them would consider themselves feminists. A few timidly raise their hands, even fewer boldly proclaim themselves feminists. The rest ask me what I mean by that term. By the end of the course, the question is repeated and all hands are raised. When, on that first day, the majority can raise their hands, thus signaling a belief in advocating for women's rights and interests and equality for all, I will know that backlash has loosened its grip.

Our mission is clear. We, as faculty

members, must constantly challenge the status quo. We must remember that to become complacent and out of touch with the current and persistent political and psychological messages given to women is to accept an unhealthy societal norm. As female faculty members we have an especially important task, to model appropriate roles that encourage women to have their voice. Young women must accept themselves as they are and not fall victim to what Carol Gilligan and Lyn Mikel Brown refer to as the "tyranny of kind and nice." We must encourage young women to stay faithful to their true "selves."

My hope is that female graduates of GDA will assist us in this mission by assuming large roles in our greater community. Their perspective is crucial and all of us will benefit from the lessons learned and the sage wisdom of those who have blazed the trail. My personal commitment is to continue to educate young women to value their personal health, intellectual lives, and psychological well being, and not make sacrifices in these areas in order to attain a cultural norm that puts them at constant risk.

GDA has provided me with innumerable experiences and allowed me to know students and adults who will be a part of my life forever. I owe all of you a tremendous debt of gratitude and thank you for accompanying me on my own personal and political journey. The experiences of women at GDA will continue to be fluid and the institution will continue to provide a forum for discussion and implementation. Many years ago Dave Williams gave me a book called *The Chalice and the Blade*, a book that impacts and influences my teaching to this day. He inscribed it with the following words: "This is just grist for your mill, a renewal. Keep the battle going – the girls need you." No clearer directive could have been given, neither then nor now.

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exist today. More often than not, the students find that the personal is, indeed, still political.

Unlike most experiences for women at GDA, in this course they find their gender to be the majority. Men do take the course and I am thrilled because they tell me that they gain a true appreciation for what it feels like to be a minority, something still not often experienced by white males in this culture. They gain an understanding of the risk of losing one's voice by virtue of being a minority and the empowerment that can come from embracing solidarity. In many ways, all students develop an appreciation for what it must have been like for the first young women at GDA.

And what of the state of young women at GDA today? They have their own voice, it is strong, and the most accurate assessment would be gained by consulting them. While women at GDA have made great strides, true equality at any institution will not be a reality until the greater society embraces and practices the





Stephanie Hill and her husband Roger

# Breaking New Ground

by Stephanie Hill '83

Stephanie Hill graduated from Governor Dummer Academy in 1983. She was the first African American female to graduate from the Academy, helping to open the doors and lead the way for many young women to follow. Today Stephanie lives in Inglewood, CA with her husband Roger and their four children Sakae Elyse (13), Roger Bryant II (four), Paige Tyler (three), and Aaron Jacob (two). She is a public safety inspector for the city of Los Angeles, ensuring public safety on public rights of ways. She has also turned her cake decorating and catering talents into a successful business operation, *Divine Decadence*.

From the very urban Los Angeles, California to the rural setting of Byfield, Massachusetts, my arrival at Governor Dummer Academy was truly like a dream. Although I had seen pictures and read literature about GDA, I was in no way pre-

pared for the scene that awaited me on the campus. There were trees of various sizes and colors and cottages sparsely placed on ample stretches of land. As our van approached the administrative building, my attention was drawn to the Little Red School House and my future home, Moody House. I was breathless.

Michael Moonves was the first to greet me. I had met him in Los Angeles and it was reassuring to see him. He made me feel secure in my new surroundings. His warm manner and soothing voice were actually the reason I selected GDA over other equally acclaimed schools in the area. Anticipating my nervousness, he addressed me by my nickname (which I refuse to disclose) and gave me a tour

of the campus. He introduced me to various students and my dorm masters, Mr.



Daughter, Sakae Elyse

and Mrs. Moore, who would become my surrogate parents. The adjustment was challenging at first, being away from my family and friends, but I eventually became apart of the GDA family. In the course of my studies, I learned one of the keys to success in school or life was to be organized and have proper time management skills. Although I had always been advanced in my studies, I always had my mother there to ensure that I completed my assignments. The classes at GDA were

far more rigorous than the ones I had previously been exposed to and required a different level of commitment. But, GDA was not all work. I remember fondly the Thursday night vocabulary sessions with Mr. Mechum (The Red Terror) that made learning exciting. There were also religious retreats, folk music, humanities trips, and skiing— all of which kept the students balanced educationally, spiritually, and recreationally.



Children: Bryant II, Paige Tyler, Aaron Jacob

Now sports, that was truly a new experience. I had never participated in sports nor had I the desire. I recall my first day at GDA, a student asked, "Are you here on an athletic scholarship?" I quickly replied, "I don't do sports," only to find that everyone at GDA did sports. The joke was on me until I realized managing football was considered a sport. The treat was all mine.

My GDA experience was also preparation for life. I was exposed to people from various economic and cultural backgrounds and learned to appreciate each individual for who they were. I made friends from all over the world, including some from my own hometown. Many of these people are still a part of my life.

I am proud to say that I am a part of GDA's history by being the first Black woman to graduate from such a prestigious academy. I am pleased that my positive representation may have led the way for other financially disadvantaged but academically capable individuals to attend our school.



## A Strong Voice Rises

Jackie Downing '98

This past June Jackie Downing '98 and five other Oberlin students made national news when they defended themselves in a US Superior Court against charges of unlawful entry. The six had been arrested after chaining themselves to a pillar inside a conference room at the National Guard Memorial Museum to protest the United States government's military support of Central & South American regimens. Although Jackie and the

*ories of the time you spent at GDA? What about the environment did you find particularly challenging or rewarding?*

I always had a love-hate relationship with Governor Dummer. On the one hand, I greatly appreciated the many dedicated teachers that I had, the quality of education, and the refuge from home. On the other hand, I never really fit in, socially or politically. My background, beliefs

my own body, and developing friendships with people who had been sexually assaulted served to politicize me about the plight of women in American society. I first began to actively talk about these issues my sophomore year when I joined the cast of *Hitting Home*, a traveling play about date rape and domestic violence. I also started listening to Ani DiFranco that year and her music had a profound influence on the person I became.

Questioning my sexuality and supporting friends who were questioning theirs, I began a path of self-education in women's and gay issues. Complementing my own personal experience, I learned the hard facts about the effects of homophobia and sexism in our society.

Listening to Ani night and day in my dorm room, I slowly gained the courage to speak out when I encountered prejudice or injustice. Speaking out was highly "uncool" in the macho pop culture shared by most of my classmates, and the more I spoke up the less I fit in. Most of my teachers were supportive of my strong beliefs and willingness to talk about them, but some definitely wished I would hurry up and graduate. My personal battles with food and family meant that I didn't always speak up in the most constructive ways. I was often depressed or just really angry, and of course at times, these emotions clouded my ability to communicate effectively and be heard.

Things improved significantly my final year at Governor Dummer when I just quit going home altogether. Doc Bradley and the Southams (now at Exeter) more or less adopted me. During my senior year, with the help of then-



Jackie Downing speaking at the School of the Americas Watch Rally, April 2001

other students were found guilty and charged with a \$75 dollar fine, they were pleased with the attention their movement received. They remain committed to nonviolent opposition to America's military aid to right wing Latin American governments.

This fall I had the opportunity to sit down with Jackie, who is in her senior year at Oberlin, and talk about her political and social interests as well as her experiences here at GDA.

*Would you share with us your mem-*

and ideals often clashed with those of my classmates and the traditions of the Academy. Governor Dummer could be challenging if you didn't fit the upper-middle class, heterosexual, apolitical, athletic mold that it was designed to accommodate – and I didn't. On top of not fitting in, I was coping with some serious family problems. Like a number of my female classmates, the coping methods I chose can be summed up by the phrase, eating disorder.

My own issues with food, hatred of



headmaster Peter Bragdon and Janet Epstein from the Health Center, I started the school's first Gay-Straight Alliance. With the school's support, my classmates became much more receptive and tolerant of my ideas. I left Governor Dummer feeling that if a successful gay-straight alliance could be formed at a fairly conservative New England boarding school, change in the world was possible.

*It seems that from early on in your life you have assumed leadership positions. Did GDA foster those ambitions?*

My experience becoming a leader at GDA included encountering both challenging obstacles and loving support. This is why I describe my four years there as love-hate. I developed a very close relationship with my advisor, Doc Bradley. His support, as well as that from the Southams, Liz Ruhl and Bill Quigley, helped me to find my voice. They encouraged me to be myself, ensuring that I grew strong and did not give up. They each fostered my desire to change the world.

I found my role-models outside of GDA in outspoken feminists like Ani Difranco and gay-rights leaders like Kevin Jennings. Their example inspired me to become a leader myself, and the loving support of people like Doc made it possible.

*I understand that you are a Bonner Scholar. Tell me a little about the Bonner Scholar program.*

I am very fortunate to be a Bonner Scholar. The Bonner Scholar Program is a service-learning scholarship for low-income students committed to doing community service during their four years at Oberlin. Bonner Scholars receive a small weekly stipend, a book stipend, and assistance during the summer in exchange for doing a minimum of ten hours of community service each week. This program has allowed me to engage in community organizing work that I find fulfilling, rather than working in the school cafeteria of other conventional on-campus jobs.

Jackie Downing, Kate Loewe and Rourke Winder (son of Jeff Winder, SOA Watch Director) at anti-war, anti-racism protest, Washington DC, September 2001





*The program links service with education. Why do you think that link is important?*

The Bonner Program at Oberlin is run through the Center for Service and Learning, an organization whose mission

dents develop both an understanding of how their service impacts the community and a vision for how that service work can be most effective. In other words, service-learning encourages students to make their service work part of a larger cam-

the Americas (SOA). Like most Americans, I was oblivious to the fact that there exists a U.S. tax-payer funded military school for Latin American para military groups right in our own backyard in Columbus, GA. Since watching the documentary about the SOA and the tens of thousands of lives its graduates have claimed throughout Latin America, I have worked to educate myself and others about the school and the larger foreign policy goals of which it is a part.

My interest in the role of private corporations in Latin America has led me to Colombia twice, for two weeks last January and for one month this summer. This interest has also compelled me to protest on many occasions and even earned me a night in jail and three days in court defending myself in Washington, DC this past summer. In April in 2000, I was invited to join the national leadership of School of the Americas Watch, an organization dedicated to closing the SOA. I have been an active member of the national advisory group, helping to organizing lobbying efforts and mass non-violent mobilizations, ever since.

*How has your education benefited you as a social activist?*

Many of my teachers, including my advisor and Latin American History professor Steven Volk, are also activists. I also gained valuable experience as a student at two activist training camps with the Ruckus Society. Working with them has helped me learn how to be a more effective activist. I have taken classes on web page creation, a very useful skill for activists seeking to educate people around the country and world. This past summer I helped to develop web pages for the School of Americas Watch in Washington, DC. You can see some of my work and learn about the SOA at [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org).



Unloading food from boat to truck in Columbia, August 2001 as part of International Cravan For Life in South Bolivar.

is to encourage students to link their academic course work with their service projects. Not all students take full advantage of this, but I have truly benefited from the links that I have been able to make. Since my sophomore year, I have done private studies with various sociology, politics, and Latin American studies professors in social justice activism. Working with these teachers, I have read and discussed numerous books on political activism, nonviolence and Latin American society. My professors have helped me to relate what I learn in the classroom and books to the activism I do outside of the classroom. This link between service and learning has helped me to constantly reflect on and improve my work in the community.

I think the service-learning model is important because it helps ensure that stu-

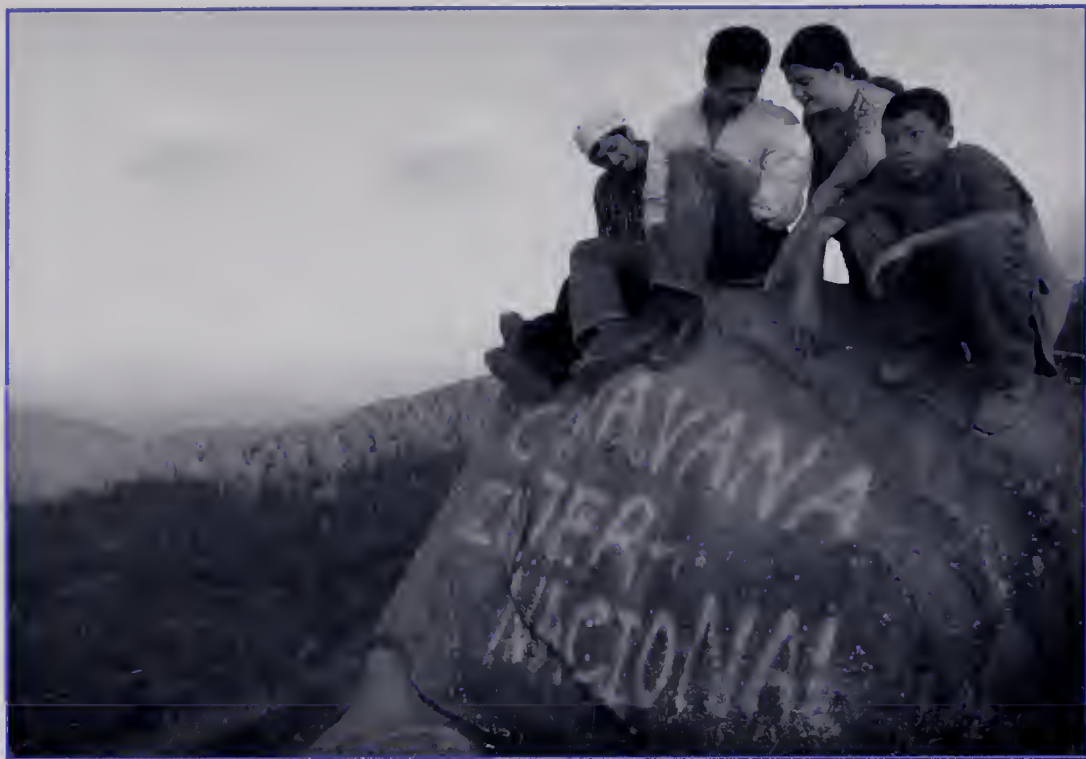
paign to change the world, rather than a band-aid project that doesn't actually challenge the status quo.

*Tell me about what you are doing now.*

I am majoring in Latin American History at Oberlin. I am an A-student and consider myself a full-time activist. I teach nonviolence workshops throughout Ohio that empower people to think critically about systems of violence in our own society, such as poverty, sexism, racism, and homophobia, as well as how we can work to change these systems of oppression in a peaceful, nonviolent way.

My interest in Latin America and United States foreign policy began my first year at Oberlin when I viewed a documentary about the U.S. Army School of





Jackie and friends in Columbia

At least half of what I have learned in my three and a half years at Oberlin has been outside of the classroom. Working with community organizations and the national leadership of SOA Watch and the Colombia Support Network has taught me a great deal. I have learned how to work with the media, how to fundraise, and how to organize trips, protests and other events.

I believe that the goal of all educational institutions and programs should be to teach students to be responsible and compassionate citizens and empower them to effectively fight injustice and work to strengthen democracy and human rights. I feel very grateful that the education I have received has empowered me to be an advocate for change and equipped me with the skill to make change possible.

*You have traveled extensively on behalf of your beliefs. Has your gender helped or hindered you as you pursue these causes.*

Despite good intentions and sincere commitment, social justice movements are touched by While I have found the School of the Americas Watch movement to be tremendously empowering towards all young people, I have occasionally encountered some male organizers and activists who do not respect young women in leadership positions. These interactions are part of what has compelled me to begin to broaden the focus of my nonviolence trainings from discussing violence within the context of protests, to looking critically at the violence women, people of color, and gay people face every day and, in particular, within our movements.

*What are your post graduate plans?*

Well I never intend to "grow up" and mature to the point where I give up my ideals and my passion for social justice - but I do plan to graduate this May. Sometime in the summer or fall after I graduate, I will begin working in the SOA Watch national office in Washington. I plan to do this for a year or two. Then I hope to live in Latin America, perhaps in Colombia, doing accompaniment work in areas where the presence of international people saves lives. Eventually I might find my way back to academia, but only for as long as it takes to get a law degree. I intend to always be a full time activist working to sew seeds for change.

## THE YEAR OF WOMEN

### Schedule of Events

**January 4, 2002**

#### Celebrating The Arts

An evening to showcase the talents of women from the GDA community in the performing arts center.

**February 2, 2002**

#### Alumnae Roundtables

- Investing Your Money & Estate Planning
- Learning Issues
- Health and Wellness
- Female Faculty of Yesterday and Today

**March 6, 2002**

#### Day Without Walls

A day for the GDA community to learn together outside the traditional classroom about "Gender Issues"

##### • Roundtable Discussion

An opportunity for Alumnae and current female students to share their GDA experiences.

**April 16, 2002**

#### Spirituality Speaker Series

- Paula Lawrence Weymueller

**May 9, 2002**

#### Vagina Monologues

The sensational Broadway hit at the new performing arts center.

- Reception for GDA Alumnae and their guests

**May 10 and 11, 2002**

#### Vagina Monologues

**June 7, 2002**

#### Commencement

- Keynote Speaker, Janet Brown, Co-Chair Commission on Presidential Debates

**June 14, 15 and 16, 2002**

#### Reunion

- Panel Discussion "Women Today At GDA"





Jim Knott at Riverdale Mills Corporation

*A first hand account of 1947 alumnus Jim Knott's ongoing battle with a federal bureaucracy to protect his good name and to help others in similar predicaments. By his friend, fellow GDA classmate and attorney, Henry Dunker. (Edited by Maureen Twombly)*

In 1979 Jim Knott founded the Riverdale Mills Corporation, a manufacturing plant that produces Aquamesh, a plastic coated, welded steel wire mesh he invented for the construction of lobster and crab traps, fish farming pens and erosion control. He established the plant in an abandoned, run down, granite and red brick paper mill located behind an old dam on the Blackstone River in the Riverdale village of Northbridge, MA. Investing his own money, Jim carefully resorted the mill and by December 1980, the first mesh manufactured at the mill had been shipped. In just twenty years the company has grown to become the town's largest employer with sales of over

and the Environmental Protection Agency. His struggle, which was recently highlighted in a 60 Minutes investigation, has called into question the investigation procedures of the EPA and has cast Knott into the role of spokesman for small business owners and manufacturers throughout the country.

Just over four years ago, a team of armed EPA investigators stormed Riverdale Mills with a search and seizure warrant. During the search of the facility, the plant's wastewater was tested for acidity, files and documents were seized and his employees were interrogated, videotaped, photographed and, in some cases, threatened with arrest.

This was the second time the EPA conducted a search of Riverdale Mills. The first occurred one month earlier when EPA officials appeared unannounced and without a search warrant at the Riverdale facility. Knott had granted their request to

\$20,000,000.

While Knott's wire mesh invention has helped him gain recognition within the fishing industry, he has recently received national attention for his ongoing battle with federal prosecutors

tour the facility and test the wastewater under the condition that Riverdale employees accompany them at all times.

Almost one year later Knott and Riverdale Mills were indicted on charges of violating the Clean Water Act for allegedly pumping acidic water into Town of Northbridge's sewer system. If convicted, the charges threatened a \$500,000 fine and a six-year prison term for Knott and a \$1,000,000 fine for Riverdale.

From the outset, Jim was determined to fight back. At his arraignment and bail hearing, he and Riverdale pled not guilty. He was certain of his and Riverdale's innocence and would not possibly allow their good names to be blackened.

With the help of his attorney, Knott began examining the government's case against him and preparing a defense. In reviewing the government's findings he and attorney noticed that test results from the first search included a reading of "seven" that appeared to have been written over to look like a "four, a level too acidic to be discharged in the public sewer system. Five is the minimum level permitted by EPA standards— anything below a five is illegal. The reading in question was the only direct evidence of a prohibited discharge into the public sewer system the government had obtained. None of the other readings from the water entering the public system fell below the EPA's standards.

## Fighting Back



Knott hired a former FBI handwriting expert to examine the test results. The expert supported Knott's claim, noting that the documents "revealed alterations, overwriting of numerals and letters and strikeouts without proper initials for corrections," and that "a numeral having a formation similar to a seven in the notes was changed to a numeral four."

Knott further challenged the results of the first search citing that they were the result of an illegal search and seizure.

that EPA agent Stephen Creaven failed to include test results from the second search that indicated the water entering the town's sewer system met all EPA standards.

This revelation, coupled with the tampered test results and the overly aggressive search of Riverdale and its employees, prompted Knott to file a Hyde Amendment complaint against the EPA seeking an award of attorney's fees and other litigation expenses. He also filed a

The government, however, appealed the decision and the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston, MA overturned the ruling this past July. Knott and Riverdale are in the process of appealing the Court of Appeals' decision to the Supreme Court.

Knott also faced a setback in his civil suit earlier this year when the court ruled in direct contrast to the district court judge who awarded Knott and Riverdale the \$68,726. The court found that there was credible evidence to support an indictment.

Although discouraging, the recent court decisions have not deterred Knott. He continues to speak out against bureaucratic investigative and prosecutorial procedures. He has testified before a Congressional Committee, and shared his story with 60 Minutes news correspondent Carol Martin as well as other local media and reporters. Knott is proud of his environmental and safety record—he earned a Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Toxic Use Reduction in 1999 and spends \$14,000 annually on safety, training and compliance. But, Knott finds that governmental inspections are often "confrontational and intimidating rather than helpful and cooperative, resulting in frivolous and unfounded citations, fines and an excessive paper work burden."

When asked why he continues with his case against the government he replies, "To do so would be absolutely wrong. ... I think it would be a crime for me to stop and allow those people to do to others what they attempted to do to me."



Jim Knott appears before a House subpanel in Washington, DC

United States District Court Judge Nathaniel Gorton agreed. Without a warrant, the initial search of Riverdale company was a violation of the First Amendment and could not be used as evidence.

The elimination of those test results weakened the government's case and they decided to withdraw the charges against Knott and his company before going to trial.

After the government withdrew its case, it was revealed that crucial evidence was withheld from Knott and his attorney—evidence that would have been critical to Knott and Riverdale's defense had the case gone to trial. It was discovered

civil suit seeking the recovery of losses he and Riverdale had incurred as a result of the prosecution and, further, to hold the EPA personnel accountable for their egregious actions.

The judge presiding over the Hyde Amendment complaint found in favor of Knott and awarded him and Riverdale \$68,726. The ruling noted that the government "did not... have any credible evidence to support" its prosecution, and the samples taken indicate "that Riverdale was not in violation of the Clean Water Act." The judge also made reference to the alterations in recorded sample readings citing that "the EPA's collection of evidence in support of the government's charges is suspect."



*This past April Bennett Beach '67 competed in his 35th Boston Marathon. He is second only to Johnny Kelly who, with 58 completions, holds the record for most completions of the Boston Marathon. The following is an excerpt from a Boston Globe article written just days before Beach was to cross the finish line for an amazing 25th time.*

# On Boston's Roads, They Are on a Run

By Tony Chamberlain, Boston Globe Staff Writer

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April 16, 2001

Bennett Beach, 51, can scarcely remember the college days when he ran the Boston Marathon as a member of the Kisco Kiwis, a mythological running club that took its name from a gang of table hockey players

in Quincy House, his dorm at Harvard.

He has a little trouble with his knee these days, and after the Cherry Blossom race in Washington D.C. last Sunday, his Achilles' felt a little sore.

But he has little doubt that, with a bit of luck Monday, he'll cross the finish line for the 34th consecutive time in the Boston Marathon. "Some people just have a one-track mind, and I'm one of them," said Beach, editor of the Wildlife Society Journal, a job that

relocated him to Bethesda, Md., where he lives with his wife, Carol, and three children. "I'm loyal to the old school, and I like to hang onto things."

Beach is No. 2 on one of the most exclusive Boston Marathon lists - the "streakers" - runners with the most consecutive Bostons under their belts. The list includes Neil Weygandt, who at 54 will run his 35th straight this year. And Carlton Mendell, 79, from Portland, Maine, will try to notch consecutive finish No. 24.

Of the 10,000 runners who gallop and gasp from Hopkinton to Boston, only 16 will have finished at least 25 consecutive runs by Monday night. Johnny Kelley started 61 and finished 58 Boston runs. He completed 24 straight from 1969-92.

But only two runners have reached 30 straight, and Beach is one of them.

Records appeal to him. Beach may be the only T rider in history to board the first train in the morning and ride all day until the last train at night, fueled only by a box of Cap'n Crunch cereal.

The story of his MBTA marathon appeared in the Harvard Crimson, of which he was a sports editor known to fill his entire section with his own stories, written under bylines of his name translated into various languages. "There are so many reasons to keep coming back to Boston," said Beach. "I just love the city, and I still have many friends around. It's a great experience just to do it. I'm not fast. I just go out and put one foot in front of the other."

Beach remembers when he got the marathon bug, and it works out of his theory that if an athlete could do anything else - such as shoot baskets or hit a baseball - he wouldn't be running.

"I got cut from the JV baseball team after all my friends had gotten big and strong," he said. "So I was looking around for something else." One day as he was watching runners from a window in bad weather, it came to him. "I thought that is the craziest thing I could imagine, so I resolved to do it."

Never fast, Beach said the only occasion he took his finishing time seriously is when the Crimson newspaper team was running against the Yale Daily News, though he seems to remember Yale never showed up. And little by little, a streak was taking shape, though it was nearly broken in 1971, Beach's fourth year running Boston. He had severe knee problems that year and couldn't train. Beach almost pulled out before deciding to at least get to Hopkinton for the start.

His plan, as the pain kicked up early, was to drop out and ride the straggler bus to Boston, but because the bus was late, Beach worked out the pain and got himself started again, running all the way to the finish. "I just kept going and the injury went away," he said. "That's the only time I came close to not finishing."



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**Reunions**  
Class of 1927 - 75th  
Class of 1932 - 70th  
Class of 1937 - 65th

The last six months have been a bit rough for me, as in June I had a total knee replacement. The surgery was not painful but the rehab is. I'm still on it and expect to have to keep it up for at least another six months. It makes me wonder how long we can keep together as a separate group. Some members have suggested that all classes prior to WWII should be grouped together. If any of you have any suggestions send them along.

Warren Lane '27 continues to keep



W. Dana Jones '37

busy with volunteer work. In his note he asked for a list of the active graduates from the classes prior to 1930. If any of the Old Guard desires similar information, send me a note and I'll send the data to you.

Jim Whittlesey '34 is still in the active practice of Labor Law. He has three trials that will come up in the last quarter of 2001.

"I'm still alive and hanging in there," is the way John Bemben '35 describes his life. He comments that very few of his classmates are still active. I agree that age is getting to be a real problem and I wonder how much longer I can think of tall tales for the class letter.

Marshall Clinard '28 is now living in Santa Fe and travels a lot. We have both been on a number of Elder Hostel programs and found them very enjoyable. His last big trips were to Central and South America. The 11th edition of his text *Sociology of Deviant Behavior*, came out recently. He says that the first edition was published in 1957. If any of you are passing through Santa Fe, look him up. His home is very near the Plaza.

Another new grandchild is reported by Seth Baker '34. He didn't tell me how many he has, but he says that some of them are old enough to be playing football.

Dudley Follansbee '36 is still "hanging in there." His version of "hanging in" includes tennis in the good weather, skiing in the winter and sailing the family yawl in the Gulf of Maine. We both grew up in Newburyport and remember the days when the bootleggers were active. At that time you could buy wine bricks in stores near Market Square. The bricks were mixed with water and yeast and then allowed to ferment. I assume that the quality of wine they made was not as important as the strength of the alcohol they produced.

Chuck Somereby '37 reports that all is quiet in the southern outpost of Milton, FL. He is not part of the Yankee Army of Occupation, as he has retired from the Naval Reserve after 36 years of service. I wonder how many of our group

stayed in the Reserve Forces after WWII?

Ben Busch '38 is experiencing physical problems and is now in a nursing home. It seems as if every month I receive a note telling that another one of my classmates is under full time care.

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Donald Stockwell writes, "As mentioned in my class letter, Phil Simpson, myself and our wives attended another GDA reunion this past June and, as always, it was a great get together. Although only two of us represented the Class of '39 these reunions are a great way to see the familiar faces of grads both before and after our time. In fact we also made new acquaintances, one of whom was Tom Nathan and his wife, Louise, from the Class of '36. We just wish more of you would come to enjoy the hospitality and friendship GDA has to offer."

Chuck Goodrich enjoys Dave Ellbogen's company for lunch and they consider themselves lucky to have had Mac Murphy as their "father" far from home at Peirce Hall. Mac certainly was a beloved master during our time. Chuck lost hope for the Cubs and White Sox. We know how he feels because most of us New Englanders have had to endure the Red Sox for years.

Tom Killough writes that he moved to a continuing care facility in Ocean County, NJ this past spring. He feels it was the right thing to do and is quite happy. It's about 60 miles from his home in Westfield so he'll probably continue to keep in contact with his former friends and neighbors.

I was delighted to hear at long last from my old friend, Chuck Hewitt, who with his wife, moved from their former home in New Jersey to a long-term care facility in Lancaster, PA. Although it was



quite a change for them, they are enjoying independent living with medical facilities around the clock whenever needed. They found it desirable to sell their Florida home in North Fort Meyers and now don't have the headache of maintaining two homes. However, they still plan to spend three months of the winter in the same Florida community. Chuck hasn't given up outdoor activity as he plays golf, swims and works out in a gym several times a week. Remember what a great tennis player he was?

**Hank Payson** tells us he broke his hip this past spring but is doing well. In spite of his misfortune we imagine he hasn't lost his sense of humor and is entertaining his friends and neighbors with tales of questionable veracity.

My regular correspondent, **Jack Dyer**, says emphysema keeps him seated most of the time. He has given up traveling, as he doesn't want to get too far from his doctor. However, he did make the trip to New Bern, NC this past spring to see his son and grandkids. It worked out well so, who knows, maybe he'll try it again this next year. Keep the faith, Jack!

**Johnny Koslowski** has not had a particularly good summer, as his Parkinson's is not much better. Unfortunately he lost his wife, Stasia, this summer, which of course made matters even worse. She was an Ipswich girl who we remember as John's long time affection. Our condolences go to him and his family.

Our buddy, **John Klotz**, is like the Energizer Bunny. He keeps going and going. He's still playing tennis but mourns his loss at Orange Lawn, which we understand is a championship site. He also spent three days at the USTA Open in Flushing Meadow. Then it was off to Boynton Beach, FL as well as Rancho Sante Fe (wherever that is) to play both golf and tennis. Oh yes, he's going on a

cruise to Bermuda in October. Now you can understand why I get out of breath reading his cards.

**Tom Tenney** says nothing's cooking. Golf stinks! Weather is great! He bemoans the fact that he hasn't heard from any '39ers. To raise his spirits why don't some of you fellow classmates who head to Florida this winter ring his doorbell. We'll bet that would lift his spirits and he would give you a warm welcome.

In early October Alice and I were guests of **Phil Simpson** and his wife Sue at their Carrabassett Valley condo in Sugarloaf, ME. It was a weekend we will long remember. Talk about New England hospitality, they've got it! Each time I see Phil I learn more about him. At GDA I pictured him as a young, rather shy individual who played a mean piano. The only similarity now is that he still plays a mean piano. As evidence of this, stop in at Flicker's Restaurant in Winthrop, ME on a Thursday evening. He plays for his supper! Thank goodness the owners have not asked him to sing.

Unfortunately, we have lost three former classmates; **Carl Germain**, **Don Kelsey** and **Ben Pierce**. I have dropped a note to their families on behalf of the Class of '39 and expressed our deepest sympathy.

Many thanks to those of you who have contacted me; I appreciate the kind words you have expressed in writing this column. I enjoy doing this and hope you and others will continue to keep in touch whenever I call for class notes. Only hearing from you can I keep this going. If you have a change of address please contact the Alumni and Development Office at GDA so we can continue our contact.

## 1940

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**Bill Torrey**'s class response was

rather limited probably because of this being a vacation time of year. Hopefully I'll hear from many more classmates for the next issue of the *Archon*.

**Bob Schumann**'s new address is: P.O. Box 815, Madison, CT 06443. The Schumann's have summered in Madison for 75 years but still plan to visit Delray Beach, FL for the first four months of the year.

**Bob Little** sends best wishes to all the members of the GDA family from '36 through '43. Bob says he is still reminded of the changes that have taken place in the world, the U.S.A. and his life (don't we all). He says, "Still the world turns; this time attacks on NY and the Pentagon." His year has been adversely affected by a left shoulder surgery and then rehabilitation.

**Larry VanDoren** reports he is doing volunteer work for the Morris Museum, which is largely a child oriented venue profiling exhibits for school loans.

**Al Hutchinson** reports a very dry summer. He had planned to be on SwissAir to Switzerland on September 11 but got only as far as Boston and ended up in Grand Mannan, Canada. What a tragedy. Al is sorry he couldn't make the Byfield get-together but is hoping to next year.

**Bob Goodspeed**'s business with the Chinese tannery has expanded due to many tannery closings in the United States. Many American shoe manufacturers are moving to China (L.L.Bean, Wolverine, Bass, Timberland, etc.). Bob celebrated his 80th at Rye Beach, NH with his four sons, 13 grandchildren and Joanne's four children and her six grandchildren. Bob and his family have moved back to Palm Beach Gardens (PGA National) for the winter.

**Ben Wright** is working on an update of the history of the International Skating Union for 1992-2002. He was in



Switzerland and Germany last August including a stay in Lausanne to do research at the ISO headquarters. He continues as VP of the Skating Club of Boston, his home skating club. They continue to serve as skating officials locally. Curling is no longer offered at his club (Winchester) and they are not golfing either. Otherwise he is happy.

**1941**

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**Andrew Little** writes, "I have attended harness racing in New York and Vermont. I sponsor the Esther Little Memorial Invitational at Tunbridge, VT in memory of my wife. The purse is \$700 and a trophy for each heat. I also own a quarter of Breeze Knoll Elite who will race in Montreal. I attended Reunion 2001 and had a wonderful time at GDA. I plan to attend future reunions."

**Ed Flynn** writes, "Lots of Navy League work - Maine in the fall. Visited GDA last fall. Keeping track of three grandchildren plus two great grandsons. Best of all - Good Health."

**1942**

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## 60th Class Reunion June 14, 15, 16 2002

When I wrote the September 5th letter to the class suggesting a look-back at our reactions to the attack on Pearl Harbor, this December being the 60th anniversary of that "date which will live in infamy," I thought that we would get a pretty wide response. Unfortunately, of course, we have had a second and really more traumatic date of infamy in the September 11 attacks on New York City and Washington and find ourselves in a totally new and unique kind of war. Of the seven responses (including my own), all

were written after September 11 and one of them begged off answering any of the questions based upon the on going depressing current news. Those who wrote, beside myself, are **Bill Monroe**, **Humphrey Simson**, **Bill Hill**, **Tom Fenn**, **Ted Stitt** and **Bob Kelly**. I suspect that the replies are representative of what we would have received from a wider response. For the record, here's how this group answered the questions, from the six who filled out the questionnaire.

All of us were on campus and five of us were in or at our dorms. Two were actually studying and the remainder were playing softball, reading the Sunday papers,

dropping on campus due to our proximity to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. We somehow must have assumed that we would be at war with Germany very soon...as we surely were. Thanks to all of you who took time to write.

**Bill Monroe** sent along a small booklet published in 2000 containing 26 pages of poetry which he had written. The title of this publication is "Gifts of Love," and is very attractively done with pencil sketches accompanying the poems and an attractive eye-catching cover painting. The poetry is touching and very gentle in its look at life, love, nature and simple activities like tramping in the woods. A



Members of the 1942 camera club

eating and one was "goofing off!!!" Two heard the news on the radio, two from their dorm masters, one from a friend and one from the Headmaster. Virtually all of us were surprised by the attack and all of us were surprised that the attack had come from Japan. No one really knew how disruptive of our lives this was going to be and none of us gave any thought to enlisting. We were all impressed by **Mr. Eames'** talk at Vespers that Sunday night.

My own impressions of that Sunday afternoon were of how little we all seem to have known about places in the Pacific then in the news: Oahu, Pearl Harbor, Malaya. There was a lot of talk at my dormitory about the possibility of bombs

very nice job. Bill also sent along some information and a page of photographs of his ongoing interest in the preservation of the stately elm. He has written before about the Cincinnati Elm Program and their efforts to establish an elm that is resistant to disease. Bill clearly continues to be a very busy and productive member of our class.

**Ted Stitt**, **Derek Lagemann** and I were back at Amherst College this spring for our 55th reunion. This brings me to comment on our own next reunion which is our 60th and which will be celebrated next June at school. Reading back over our comments, which I printed after our 50th reunion in 1992, I am struck by the



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many enthusiastic remarks not only by our classmates but also by the masters who we had invited back to join us. The campus is so changed, even in the nine years since our 50th and is so well done that we should all get back just to see that aspect of the school. The dates for the reunion in June 2002, are Friday, June 14th, Saturday June 15th and Sunday, June 16th. Circle this on your new calendar and plan to come. You'll be treated to an outstanding weekend of fun and the opportunity to see friends you may not have seen in years.

### 1943

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We seem to be coping with the aftermaths of September 11 and are cognizant of its effects on all of us. However, life continues for us old goats and this is how some of us are doing.

**Bob Wood** and Bev have been traveling the Southwest with clubs in hand and getting close to shooting their age, one way or another.

**Al Ebinger** has contributed a couple of grandkids to the GDA family and reveals that he is the father of the official, authentic, original New England Flag. This is the blue flag with six stars and a cross of St. George with a green pine tree that you may have seen. Next time you do, give a nod to Al.

**Dick Urie** has moved to Wakefield, RI with his new wife and can't quite get out of the clothing business. His newest efforts are called "Caerwy's, Ltd." which is from the Welsh that nobody can speak. The Brewsters know since we have just come back from the land of double d's and l's and don't know where we were. It was beautiful and fascinating, none the less.

**Walt McGill** from whom you may have heard lately, reports his weight,

taxes, happiness and handicap are up while his income, energy and endurance are down and he is doing great.

**Peter Morgan** has quit the transcontinental treks by old car or bus and is staying closer to home in the same activities. They have taken up cruising by water. I knew they would wise up sometime. They are enjoying life.

**Morgan Cooper** has bitten the bullet and gotten on to one floor in Jamesville, NY and he doesn't miss the stairs.

Keep the cards and letters coming. Now that our boat is on the hard, we have plenty of time to keep up with the '43 branch of the Old Guard.

### 1944

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**John "Pinky" Whitney's** greatest pleasure in 2001 was returning to the Academy to see his granddaughter, Catherine, graduate! This was something his parents were never able to do, due to WWII. He says, "there were only a few who didn't!"

"**Steve Kauffman** say, "Since the lack of response to my witty (?), innovative letters addressed to my class-mates asking for news has produced such a remarkable lack of response, it is time for one of them to step forward and relieve the watch. Please accept my resignation as class secretary as of the time you have a committed replacement or July 1, 2002, whichever comes first. I wish the very best to my replacement and will send him my boring news for inclusion in each *Archon*. My two greatest pleasures this year are to get shuck of this job and to finish my job as project manager for design and construction of our church's parish hall."

### 1945

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**Warren Furth** writes, "I don't know whether I wrote you already that I have been elected Chair of American Democrats Abroad in Switzerland. The outpouring of expressions of sympathy from the Swiss people for families of the victims of the September 11 attacks and for Americans in general has been truly heartwarming."

**Lou Hamper's** wife Jelane sent this note about Lou, "I am very sorry to let you know that Lou has suffered a stroke and is unable to talk or write. I want to add, however, that his spirits are good, he walks very well and we are enjoying three months during the winter in Florida. He has always held Governor Dummer close to his heart."

**Arch Kingsley** reports, "Thoroughly enjoying life – don't feel a day over 95. Enjoy good health and am having a great time with a new trawler – Krogen 39 – 'Rwetheryet.'" Arch, if I got the name wrong, I apologize. I had trouble reading it.

**Don Palais** talked with **Al Teel** who is retiring from business in Reading, MA and will be moving to Maine.

### 1946

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**Bob Hadley** is closing out his ministry career in Fitchburg, MA in preparation for retirement in June 2002. "Bump" has four children and is especially proud of his three "beautiful granddaughters."

I was saddened to receive a note from **Harold Harrower's** daughter, Sarah, saying that Harold died in Bridgewater, ME in May 2000. He left three children and three grandchildren.



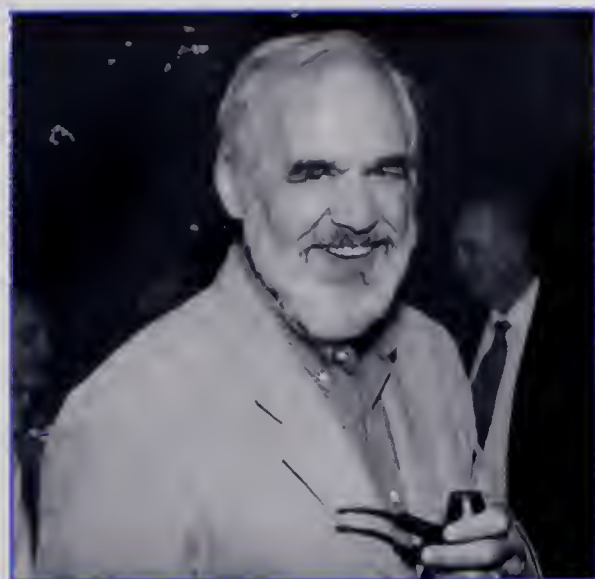
**Dick Walsh** has retired after 40 years with Bell Telephone. The Walsh's live in East Greenwich, RI and winter in Florida at Singer Island. They have three sons (Jay was '74) and five grandchildren.

At the time of the September 11 attack and tragedy, I received a concerned, compassionate phone call from my old friend **Miguel Ortega**. He was calling from his home in Bogotá and expressed concern for his classmates and friends in the U.S.. He sends his warmest greetings and can be reached at Calle 70, 1093, Bogotá, SA.

I had a brief phone conversation a month or so ago with **Dave Flavin**. He lives in New Canaan, CT and promised a follow-up report. Where is it, Dave?

**Warren Hill** remains my most loyal correspondent sending jokes and inspiration via email. He is still working and traveling.

I also had an email from **Brewster Hemenway** right after September 11. I hope to hear from him and any of you who want to use email to correspond.



Ben Birdsall '47

Haverford Class of '51. Ben also notes that he is not trying to keep up with **Jack "Mr. Colby" Deering**. Bravo Zulu

**Jack Deering** checked in with news of the 50th Reunion at Colby. Along with Jack were **Bill Bailey** and **Dan Hall**. Bish Peale couldn't make the reunion, but told Jack he would be down Maine for a visit this fall. Jack further reported that he and Norm Brown were out on Sebago Lake in Norm's boat. I'm not sure what they were up to, but it sounds like fun. Jack further reports that two of our brothers Danny Hall and Bill Bailey were seen roller skating on the Cape Cod Canal.

The GDA Board of Trustees honored **Joe Welch** for a quarter century of unselfish effort and commitment from 1975 through his retirement in May 2001. During his time on the Board, Joe served as Chair of the Development Committee, Chair of the Trustee Relations Committee and Secretary of the Board. In addition, Joe coached the tennis teams of 1955 through 1958. The Class of '47 sends its best congratulations for a job well done! Bravo Zulu

After 45 years, thanks to the efforts of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, **Jim Knott** finally received his Army Commendation Medal. The medal is for winning first place in the first Armored Division by keeping 385 WW II wheeled and tracked vehicles in better condition than anyone else in the Division with the help of 65 mechanics who reported directly to Jim because the Division had been

re-organized for atomic warfare. The Class of '47 extends best congratulations to Jim. Bravo Zulu

**Norm Brown** writes, "Well, it's been another summer without any stupendous happenings in my life, other than becoming an expectant great-grandfather in early March of '02. I finally got Jack D. out on Sebago Lake. Unfortunately, our wives couldn't make it (probably because they weren't invited!). Did a tour of scenic/interesting places, took a swim off the boat, cracked a few cool ones, etc."

**Dan Hall** writes, "Enjoyed two trips to Scotland- one in January for the wedding of my youngest son who married a nifty Scottish lass. They met several years ago when both were teaching in Romania under the Soros Program which is something like the Peace Corps. Now he is teaching in Framingham and she, in Worcester. Second trip was to the Shetland Islands in the most northern part of Scotland. There I did family research around the names of Manson and Mouat. My great grandfather, Magnus Manson, left the Shetlands in 1850 and became a sea captain and later a part owner of a fleet of schooners out of New Haven, CT. Aided by my wife and helpful Shetlanders, I was able to discover several family sites, including the remains of an abandoned Manson family stonecroft home.

**David Wilcox** writes, "Recently lost our 14-year old granddaughter, Elizabeth Russ, after a one-year battle with bone cancer. A beautiful memorial service in Lincoln, MA, was attended by about 400. We will be leaving for Scotland in late September for a reunion with Williams College alumni."

**Bill Bailey** writes, "I'm not sure, but at this stage of life I am doing pretty well. Get up each morning—can remember the day and date (most of them). Dan Hall and I enjoy playing hockey together once a week. I was at Logan Airport on morning of September 11 at the time of first collision. Didn't fly; went home in one piece."

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**Ben Birdsall** checked in with news of his Haverford College Award for Service to Humanity. The award supports and demonstrates the college's expressed concern for the application of knowledge to socially useful ends. Ben writes, "The award was in recognition of my efforts over the years to help establish an emergency homeless shelter in Haverhill, MA, as a 'Homeless Advocate,' and for work with substance abuse and mentally ill clients in the Merrimac Valley." Congratulations, Ben! The award was presented at Ben's 50th reunion with the



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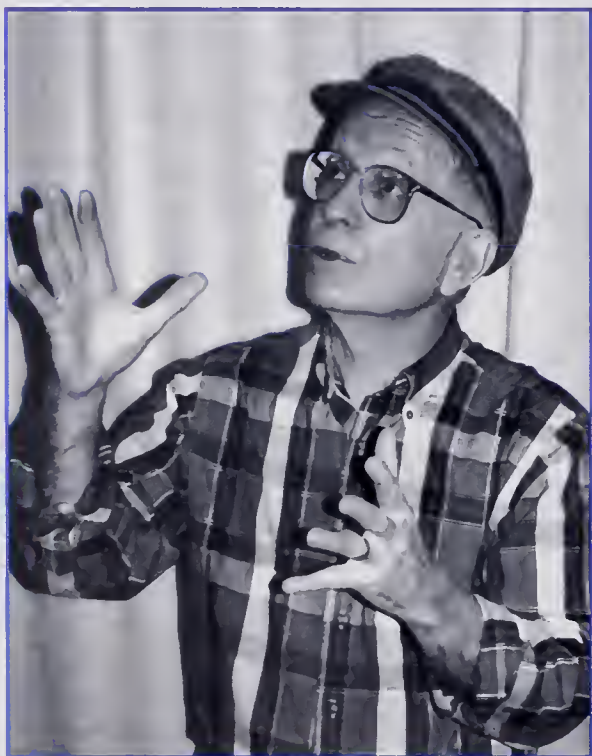
That's all for now. Keep those cards and letters coming. God bless us all, said Tiny Tim. And God bless America

# 1948

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For some reason I did not receive very many responses for this issue of the *Archon*, however, many thanks to those that did.

**Fritz Freeman** has now gone back home. Ann and Fritz are now living at 128 Bradford St., Plymouth, MA 02360. Their son, Woody, is now with Legg Mason in Boston. Fritz says, "the old man has taken over his territory in Massachusetts. I still make a swing through Connecticut just once a month. Cut back to half days but still like it and I am still ticking. Woody has a baby girl, Page (one), to keep son,



Storyteller Peter Houston '48

Maxwell (three), company. Dropped in on **Buster '31** and **Fran Navins** a couple of weeks ago. Buster is still feisty. Don't get him off on the Red Sox."

**Jim Weldon** writes from 74 Atlantic

Ave., North Hampton, NH 03862. "Retired from family food packaging business. Spending great energy avoiding

sons, an annual event.

**Pete Houston** said that this year's travelogue was a twelve day trip to



Class of 1948 mini reunion

domestic maintenance chores...golf at best, mediocre, two footers look like 30 footers. History, research and reading more fun now than during school years. Touring the GDA campus occasionally demonstrates the great strides GDA has accomplished in the intervening 50 years.

**Bill Lindquist** and his wife Dorrie had a great visit with Ken Bruce and his wife Nancy this past summer at their camp on Kennebago Lake, ME. Bill says, "didn't get Ken fly fishing, but was able to show the Bruces our "neck of the woods."

**Walter Richter** has added to his fleet of cars with a 1939 Buick Coupe and a 1931 Chevrolet Roadster. He has sold his business and, believe it or not, just retired at the end of the month. Congratulations, Walter, for joining the group...retirees, that is.

**Phil Gemmer** writes that it was a great summer in Maine "weather-wise" despite recent horrific events. He is about to go fly-fishing at the McQuantie Club near the Canadian Border with two grand-

London. A birthday present to their "starving actress" daughter. "Above and beyond the city's wonderful sites was going to four great musical plays (Kate went to a fifth alone when her aging parents ran out of steam and needed a full night's sleep)"....I can't imagine you running out of steam, Pete. Not at our age, anyway!

**Ash Eames** at least did look for a picture for the *Archon* as I had asked....thanks. Ash said that he had a visit with Manson Hall '49 who came up from Cape Cod. Whether they both went mountain climbing together I am not sure (difficult to read your printing, Ash). Ash and his son, Ned, again played in the National Father and Son Grass Court Tennis Championship in Boston. He is looking for other fathers over age 70 to play. How about it guys. Ash and Deborah are going to Oxford, England this fall to visit his sister and then back to Sarasota, FL and then Nicaragua.

**Richard MacNair** retired in '88. He volunteers in plant societies and goes



tracking into Maine as often as possible. He has a large garden, 45'x90', which fills two freezers and feeds his neighbors, too. Richard is president of the local branch of the American Begonia Society (ABS). He also serves as secretary of the national ABS. He and his wife Wanda attended an ABS meeting in L.A. and managed to return just before the September 11 situation.

As for me, I am still enjoying working in the retirement business and at the same time keeping out of Mary Cay's way in our home. As she says, she's happy that I have a place to go to everyday. I expect that I will spend a month or so in Ft. Myers Beach, FL over the holidays. Our

sympathy and thoughts go out to you, Ken and Nancy. Ken recently visited GDA with a grandson who is looking at prep-schools for next year and at the same time had a nice visit with Headmaster Doggett as well as old friends Sandy Keyes, Mike Moonves and Pat Peterman. KIIYK

1949

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As I reported in the Spring 2001 *Archon*, Gale and I traveled around the world for two months last March and April. We started out in Auckland, New Zealand where **Manson Hall** and his wife Alison joined us. We enjoyed touring the North and South Islands, but discovered we like the South one best, particularly Queensland. We would love to return there annually due to the people, the breathtaking scenery and the many things to see, all of which completely captivated us. The four of us flew on to Sydney, Australia to travel a month on that conti-

there renewed our energy and the love of people! The trip ended in a flourish with shows in London. It's worth mentioning that we found B&Bs over the Internet for the entire trip and were never disappointed. As an aside, prior to our trip, I had called **Bill Judson** and he mentioned that he was on his way to Christchurch, New Zealand. I gave him the name of the B&B where we were planning to stay. When we arrived there, the owner said, "A good friend of yours, Bill Judson, was here!" A small wonderful world! If you want to know how to fly around the world without crossing any ocean twice, give us a call. It's a snap.

Heard from **Leonard Johnson** who shared news of an award he received for his outstanding contribution in the field of polar research. On June 22-26, an international symposium Perspectives of Modern Polar Research was convened in Bad Durkeirn, Germany to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the birth of George non Neumayer, noted polar explorer and facilitator of German and international polar science and to award the Neumayer medal to Dr. Leonard Johnson for eminent and meritorious service to the field of polar research. He spent the last few weeks aboard the Swedish icebreaker Oden in the Artic Ocean north of Svalbard collecting seismic reflection and refraction data. "Life in 70th year is both busy and fruitful."

**Bud Frame** writes, "We have reassembled our entire family, three sons, three daughters-in-law and ten grandchildren in Rochester...are we lucky! And, we are off on October 8 to Munich, Budapest, Vienna, Prague and a barge trip in southwestern France: home October 26. Aloha, shalom and arriverderci, Bud."

**Bill Johnson** writes, "As you know, my dear Anne died in '99. I also had five bypasses on my heart last year. But this year looks great! My new address is William Treby Johnson, Marshall Point Road, P.O. Box 113, Clyde, ME 04855-0013."

**John Canepa** wrote, "Recently



Tom Emery, Manson Hall, Alison Hall, Arch des Cognets, and Carol des Cognets, (missing photographer Gale Emery) arriving on the GHAN in Alice Springs, Australia

son, Rob, is full Commander in the USN out in Long Beach, CA and our daughter and son-in-law reside in San Diego. Her husband has a highly regarded position at the Navy's SPAWAR operations out there. So secret even I don't know what he is doing.

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reached ripe old age of 71; celebrated 48th wedding anniversary; attended oldest grandson's graduation from M.I.T. In view of recent terrorist crisis, I tried to re-enlist in the navy, but was told I was 40 years too late. Love to all my classmates."

**Allen Hollis** writes, "There is no real retirement for old ministers and I recently agreed to supply the pulpit for a small church in Lake Park. It has had troubles recently and I am trying to bring peace and order to them!"

**Jake Brown** wrote, "I never did get the chance to get my money back from you Manson and Archer – call me!!"

**Archer des Cognets** writes, "As I write this note the world has changed – I suspect that is true for all of us. It has been a lovely summer between Cape Cod and Williamstown. Who knows what the future holds."

**Mansfield Smith** reports, "I retired October 6, 2000. Moved to Davis, CA for a few winter months – then to Fallen Leaf Lake near Tahoe. A few more lectures, bird dog training, search and rescue and volunteer fire department. Bill Chamberlin, thanks for being class agent – do not give up on me."

**Carlton Reed** is still living in Woolwich, ME. Retired from bridge building. Enjoys traveling with Betty, recently to Scotland this past year; Australia, New Zealand last year. Three of their 17 grandchildren attend GDA. Jackson Parker '02, Elizabeth Bernard '03 and Gardner Parker '05. So they attend some of the athletic efforts at GDA – football, hockey, soccer and lacrosse.

1950

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You may have noticed that, having survived our 50th reunion, we are all now included in the alumni category "Old

Guard." The good news is that we get invited back to reunion every year without charge for room, board and incidentals. The bad news is that we do not automatically have a 55th reunion with the help of Academy planning. We must organize to make it happen in 2005. In that context, regular communication is essential. Keep those cards coming.

The most recent dinner event of the southeastern New England GDA 50 group hit more than the usual number of conflicts and last minute snags. However, **Souther Barnes**, **Tim Greene**, **Dick McCoy** and I enjoyed our May meeting.

In early June, as that edition of *The Archon* arrived in our homes, I received a call from Peter Gavian expressing delight over the picture of Antietam and offering to pick me up in a local port to join his sail to Cape Breton Island. As you'll see later in this column, I missed some excitement.

**Bob Dickerman** got much recognition in the Providence County Day School alumni publication this past June with reference to his membership in their Athletic Hall of Fame. Bob had attended the American Baseball Coaches Association annual convention in Atlanta earlier in the year, more on Bob to follow.

**Dave Esty** and I attended the graduation exercises at Rocky Hill School as our friend and my educational colleague of many years past, **Dan Doyle** presented the commencement address. Dan is founder and executive director of The Institute for International Sport/Scholar Athlete Games. Dave serves on Dan's board. It was a perfect day, a spectacular setting and a familiar one for me after serving at Rocky Hill for 16 years. Dave was kind enough to follow up with a letter to me, full of the most generous impressions.

From Crestline, CA, high in the mountains overlooking San Bernadino, came a report from **Denny Engs** about a

bicycle trip he had led in the Black Hills of South Dakota. A group of 11 began by driving from Minneapolis to their base in the Black Hills. The objective was to ride the George S. Mickelson Trail, a gravel surface 110 miles from north to south. They passed such landmarks as the Moonshine Gulch Saloon, Mt. Rushmore National Monument and the Crazy Horse Monument as they struggled over mountain roads in wind and rain. Denny was one of three to ride the trail from start to finish. What a guy. Can he really be our age?

After departure from Annapolis on July 28, **Peter Gavian** completed his voyage by returning to his home port on August 24. His full report was dated September 4. "We almost collided in the Atlantic on Monday, July 30, in that darkest hour before dawn, when a right masthead light threatened Antietam as she sailed East away from Cape May. Its brilliance overpowered every object in the night sky. The menace rose higher, brighter and closer...then came morning twilight, revealing not a masthead but Jupiter's conjunction with Earth! We collided again every morning until Antietam reached Cape Breton. Due to strong easterlies, we passed close to Atlantic City and saw the NY World Trade Center against the sunset." Peter's trip became complicated when his new crew boarded in Halifax, but abandoned ship in Louisbourg, Cape Breton. Despite some sail and autopilot problems, Peter completed his trip in 27 days, 2,303 nautical miles, of which 1,255 were solo. Peter was fortunate to not have me along as an added burden.

According to **Carl Glaser** salmon fishing off the Colombia River was great this year, but there was a limit of two fish per person per day. Carl has the second hip replacement scheduled for early November, between volleyball officiating



and his annual Santa gig at the mall. "The control center of your life is attitude."

From **Dave Esty** came news that he had a perfect summer. "Very Zen Buddhist – work is play, play is work, lot's of time at sea, in mountains with my four kids in Seattle and here in New England." Dave has joined another board – Friends of Tuckerman Ravine, a sacred place for climbers, hikers and skiers. Under class Dave's latest is PFC. He writes. "In addition to being on the boards of The Advertising Council, World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame, The Institute for International Sport/Scholar Athlete Games, The Bristol County Statehouse Foundation and Adventure Assets, I am now on the board of Friends of Tuckerman Ravine and the Rhode Island Chapter of the NAACP and still the president of Amherst '54. Still running an A+ business."

**Dick Patten** never has quite enough space on his card so his writing is a challenge to decipher, but his message is always rewarding. Dick sacrificed some of the ski season to sail off the coast of Costa Rica in February, concluding his visit at a magnificent estate owned by a friend. Since ski season lasted until the end of May, little was lost. Dick continues to question his current consulting role, "getting older ain't for the faint of heart. But the good news is that all are in good health and enjoy a good bottle of wine almost daily." Not a bad life style.

The follow-up from **Bob Dickerman** arrived in early September. "After 45 years I have left P.C.D. and am now the coach at Gordon College in Wenham, MA." Bob is beginning a new career and, you know, he is still in uniform, on the diamond pitching for batting practice. He must be chasing **Casey Stengel**, but **Connie Mack** always wore a business suit on the bench.

**Tim Greene's** younger daughter, Jody, is a kindergarten teacher at the American School in Shanghai. She's learning Chinese while her students learn English. She and her roommate are enjoy-

ing grand accommodations with maid service and hot tubs. Tim and Debbie look forward to visiting next spring. **Lin Starbird** and his wife Anne had lunch with the Greene's while their son is in Cambridge. Lin had provided advice to Jody prior to her departure based on his many years of Foreign Service.

It is my sad duty to inform our class that **Charlie Cashin** passed away on October 3, 2001.

Following his years at GDA, Charlie graduated from Lowell Technological Institute and then began his own business at the Manchester, NH airport as an FAA designated flight examiner. He continued to license pilots and conduct general aviation activities at Cashin

Aviation on a full-time schedule. A heart attack ended Charlie's life without any warning to his wife, Valerie; son, Charles; daughter, Susan; and five grandchildren.

Emi and I had just returned from Portugal and Spain on October 3. **Tim Greene's** call informed me of Charlie's death. Tim, **Dave Yesair** and I attended calling hours at the house in Chelmsford with Valerie and other family members. Charlie was a vital member of the leadership team of our class. You all remember his letter encouraging attendance at our 50th reunion. He will be greatly missed.

**William (Jack) Little** says, "Great to be with everyone at our 50th reunion. Special thanks to the Yesairs for such great hospitality and to Tim, Bob, Allan and all who coordinated the special times (pardon the delay for these thanks). It's hard to think of being in the "Old Guard." My golf game is suffering due to too many involvements in local activities but is fun. Busy now getting a Civil War round table (now partisan) started in Morehead City, NC. Anyone in the neighborhood stop in. Dave Hershey is always welcome if he doesn't make it through our "Bermuda Triangle."

1951

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**Dave Pope** who with his wife "Woodie" were such great hosts for our reunion Sunday brunch, sent a note saying that, with **Chuck** and Babs **Hussey**, they were making a ten day trip to Cuba in October. However, Castro must have



Members of the Class of 1951

heard about it, so the trip was canceled. Talked with Chuck several times of late, as he has clients interested in a development project in our beautiful state. He recently returned from a trip to Spain. Speaking of the Sunday brunch, **Yogi Wenz** sent a note and two pictures of some of the attendees at that affair. His note stated "Charlie Gesen looks like he swallowed a frog." I will send copies to those pictured.

**George Kirkham** proudly announced that his daughter Samantha Crowley, who attended GDA for two years, "recently produced twin boys, maybe GDA 2019?" Also, "our 50th reunion was great – planning for 55th!"

From **Dan Palmer** "We're enjoying an idyllic Indian summer in Maine." He also states he is still thinking more and more about Seattle.

To all that did not respond to my appeal for news, please prepare for the next issue.



1952

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Frank Huntress writes 50th Class Reunion '52 – people who plan to attend: Matthew Grossman, Fred Smith, Lawrence Sawyer, Peter Bramhall, David Powers, Barry Gately, Rib Smythe, Howard Quimby, Frank Stockwell, Rube Rice, Jerry Brown, Franklin E. Huntress Jr., Richard Rothmund, Gus Boss, Ed Carter and Jack Lucas.

What's this we hear about Sabie getting a "clip" on the 15 yard line with no flag on the play?? BBN refs, I guess!! Sabie: look after that heart – keep us posted concerning things with you just new!

Skip (Lawrence) Sawyer writes you this note the day after the horrible satanic attacks on U.S.. "And we thought that we had seen the worst at our "ripe" age! I watched our new high definition television antenna and other equipment, fall down with Tower One – having worked for Dielectric Communications (in sales/customer service) for 40 years. I retired in '99-wormed six more months on a project in '00. (Spent five years prior to Dielectric at sea as a Marine Engineer). Barb, my greatest blessing since we met at age 14, still sticks with me after 44 years of marriage. We enjoy our "freedom," new grandson, traveling around Maine and South Carolina, visiting family and friends, me at (Episcopal) church stuff and Barb is still riding (an Arabian) nearly every day – (with me following with a shovel).

Dave Powers reports he continues to be Senior Consulting VP for Grenzebach Glier & Associates in Chicago. Volunteer work with a local community foundation and art gallery; plus the Colorado "good stuff" riding and fly-fishing.

Rib Smythe Ah Retirement! One week at Tanglewood – Ozawa and all. Ten days in Scotland bag pipes and all.

Frank Stockwell writes, "Semi retired in Boston and Vermont where I play lots of bad golf. Hope to fully retire in January and bounce between Vermont and North Carolina or Georgia as the leaves turn.

Barry Gately writes, "I am alive, healthy and looking at the sod from this side. I am getting ready to begin the fall season at the Sager Bowl. If they should lose one game I hope it is against R.L. because it will keep you on your toes for the following 12 months. We have a better "head" then they do!

Jack Lucas retired three years ago from Lockheed Martin and then did some consulting. Now enjoying life playing tennis, hiking and bike riding. "Thanks, Frank for all the hours you have spent organizing the class."

1953

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It was refreshing to hear from classmates in the aftermath of the events of September 11. Keeping in touch with friends and family has taken on greater significance. Charlie Palmer wrote that they and their friends are all well...an important issue for all of us as we waited for news in the aftermath of the attacks and devastation. He goes on to say, "Like everyone, real sad – but real patriotic." Charlie attended Joe Cook's service and

reported an overflow crowd for a super friend. I'm sure many of you were there.

Word from Mark Lowell that he and his wife, Marita, donated a piece of land to the local fire department for a new station, but in the interim the firemen are using a spare room in their house as a fire station/bunk room and they have an engine and a tanker parked in their barn. Mark says it makes for some interesting times when the firemen and volunteers are there for training or after fires. Sounds like Mark is able to enjoy "the big trucks" in spite of his serious leg injury.

Charles Gibbs wrote, "Of course you like Estes Park." Charles and his wife have lived in Sante Fe for several years and it sounds like they have also fallen in love with this part of the world. Charles suggests going to Chaco Canyon and the Sante Fe Indian Market in July. Perhaps we could schedule a mini-reunion for our class and have Charles be our guide...

Joe Hill and his wife married two children off this year and have moved their home to Radnor, PA. Like all of us, "life was normal until September 11!"

Don Tracy and his wife continued their international travels by visiting friends in Slovakia, Czech Republic, France and Italy in the spring. They had a good three-week trip except that he was robbed in a Prague subway and lost cash, credit cards and his license. He stayed close to his wife for two weeks because she was the only means to operate an ATM. They enjoyed a perfect Maine summer (which is having a resurgence in the lobster population) and then entertained old friends from Russia. ("Old" is beginning to have multiple meanings these days...). Don thinks they may go there for a first visit; but in the interim is enjoying the Maine fall colors at home.

Bill King writes, "I retired 4/1/00 and 18 months later, I'm very busy and have no desire to go back to work. Life is



good with golf, a second home on Lake Winnepesaukee and seven grandchildren all keeping me busy. Regards to all! Sue and I just completed our fall sessions working with the Rocky Mountain National Park Environmental Educational Dept. doing programs with school students from the Front Range area. It's wonderful to have the park's spectacular outdoors setting as your classroom. I'm currently working with the Art Center to establish a formal budgeting and planning process. I keep asking myself, "Wait a minute... Isn't this what I retired from?" We still have time for lots of hiking and fun and the first snow on the peaks suggests skiing and snow shoeing are not too far off.

In these turbulent times, I hope you'll begin thinking of attending our 50th reunion in the spring of 2003. It is a time to return to our roots and refresh relationships with classmates and friends.

# 1954

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**Michael Smith** and his wife, Deborah, continue the never-ending process of putting their house back together after the fire of November 1999. We are almost done!! Mike's son, Eric, is a major in the Marine Corps. Where he goes in the aftermath of September 11 terrorist attacks is anyone's guess.

**Dave Ellis** writes that the Ellis family continues to grow with five grandchildren including one born in Italy this past August. Dave and his wife, Marion, have enjoyed traveling around the world as part of his work in science museums (he is the Director of the Boston Museum of Science) - and he's looking forward to our 50th.

**Dick Moore** sent an email describing how his wife Renate and he escaped the heat of South Texas this summer by reposing in the mountains of New Mexico where they were joined by visits from their

son and daughter and grandchildren.

**Bob Shaw** reports he is now living in a nursing home and will probably continue to for the foreseeable future.

# 1955

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**Dick Bailey** writes that he is enjoying his retirement. He has been camping, biking and hiking in Vermont, biking along the C&O canal and just completed a trip to New Orleans.

**Dick Tuttle** reports he has had an exciting journey since leaving GDA. He has built and sold a brokerage firm and now works as an investment banker. His family consists of three children, an ex-wife, a partner Sharye and seven young ones who call him Papa." He lives in Casenovia, NY not far from where he was brought up.

**Bob Silberstein** notes that he is "of Counsel" for a litigation firm in Peoria, IL where he practiced for 40 years, but spends most of his time at his home in Palm Springs, CA.

**Bill Spence** is still developing land and building houses. He took a four-week trip around the country visiting New Orleans, Albuquerque, Phoenix, Las Vegas and many other interesting places. Bill expects to take another trip around the country this winter.

# 1956

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**Jim Dean** reports that he happily spent the summer nursing his wife to a successful recovery from a serious ruptured appendix in late June. Dianne is doing well now and back at work.

**Joe MacLeod** notes that the events of September 11 have kept him close to those he loves. He and Carolyn had a wonderful summer trip to Arizona. In the

future, he wants to travel more and visit classmates.

**Gordon Martin** writes that at the end of June, he was walking with his walker, fell on his left elbow and broke two bones between his wrist and elbow. It has been a slow and painful recovery but his wife, Lyn, is carefully looking after him. Gordo sent a letter to Rey Moulton and Class of 1956 this past spring. "Thank you for extending your hand to me. I appreciate it very much. I would love to be part of the GDA Class of 1956's forty-fifth reunion. I could say hello to all and share memories like being part of the 1956 undefeated lacrosse team. All I can say is I'm sorry but I will not be able to make it.



Gordon Martin, Class of 1956

Being totally and permanently disabled and very medicated and also not able or allowed to drive, I do not think I can ever join you. Enjoy yourselves and keep a sense of humor. Please write me when you have time. Best regards, Gordon Martin, 22 Ivy Lane, Wethersfield, CT, 06109."

**Tony Miller** is suggesting that the London reunion trip go from the second to the seventh of June in 2003 and arrive in at Heathrow airport. He will plan the rest later. He very much enjoyed last spring's reunion and looks forward to seeing photos of it.



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## 45th Class Reunion June 14, 15, 16 2002

Gene Bouley recently won a season's pass to all GDA Pony League football games with a class record of ten grandchildren. Second prize of two tickets to a Junior Glee Club concert with Dana Hall was won by the Class(less) Secretary with five. Are we reduced to this?

Frank Gleason reports he has retired and lives near Sydney, Australia. He and Janet spend lots of time on their 42' Bavaria while Frank volunteers and does biological research at the University of Sydney.

George "Bucky" Starbuck is living in Burlington, VT, operating his medical and environmental rental properties. Building a BIG boat and duck hunting with Geoff Nichols.

Gene Bouley is slowly adjusting to retirement from his very active schedule the last 40 plus years. He and Mrs. spent the summer hiking in New Hampshire and are heading for Florida in October. Almost old enough to play golf!

"Wink" Pescosolido loves to rub in the California weather to us New Englanders, so ask him about his Yale-bound granddaughter.

Gale French seems happy as a pig in...well, a poke. Three retirement checks and a home on the ocean in Belfast, ME make for one happy speedster.

Peter Cadigan was always a step ahead of the rest of us, but seems to have lost a step. He has two in college (Ducks I

hope), a senior in high school and an eighth grader. Bless Debbie! That's it for now; keep those cards and letters coming.

1958

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It is with sadness that we report the death of our classmate, Dick Croll. He died in September with the complications of cancer. While he did not graduate with our class, he had a lifelong appreciation for GDA and was most generous in his contributions to the school. Dick graduated from Colorado College and spent most of his adult years in the San Francisco area. He had many interests including: investing, travel, bird watching, books, art and music. He was always delighted to hear news of GDA and visited the school several years ago where he was treated to the grand tour of GDA by Nuff Withington.

Ken Weene reports that he is doing "more writing and less head shrinking." He splits his time now between Scottsdale, AZ and Long Island and usually remembers which place he is at the moment.

Jim Main is enjoying his retirement from Japan Airlines. Jim, like all of us, is concerned about the events of September 11, 2001 and extends his prayers and thoughts to his classmates, their families and to our country.

Another of our airline

retirees, Harvey Hayden, reported that he is living on his meager pension and will not be able to give as much to GDA this year as he was able to in his hay-making years; so he will spend more time on the phone shaking down all of his classmates for money. I am sure that we are all looking forward to our annual call from our beloved classmate.

Tom Grose reported that one of his twin daughters got married to an Irishman, having met him in Singapore. Tom is living in London with one child in Singapore, one in Buenos Aires, one in Scotland finishing school at St. Andrews and only one in London. He is still trying to predict the securities markets and is carrying too much overhead to retire. The Grose's spend two months each year at Christmas Cove, ME and cordially invite any classmates to visit him either in Christmas Cove or in London.

Mike Dunsford reported in from Tahoe that he now has three granddaughters and one grandson, all under the age of five. With the real estate market in Tahoe being slow, he spends lots of time sailing, skiing, hiking and he even climbed Mount Whitney, which is the tallest mountain in



Members of the 1958 golf team



the continental United States. Mike is very much enjoying the laid-back California lifestyle.

Our missionary doctor, **Richard Morse**, is retiring from his medical mission at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya after 32-years of devoted service to his church, his hospital and to all of the thousands of his Kenya friends and patients who have come to rely on Richard and his mission for not only medical treatment, but also spiritual guidance and comfort. Our best wishes to Richard and Betty on their return to the United States.

**Ralph Ardoff** writes, "It is only one and a half years until our 45th Reunion and I am still leading a search committee to find a replacement for the Class Secretary by our next reunion."

1959

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**John Catlett** tells us that he is building the first private radio station permitted in India on a three year contract with a Rupert Murdoch organization.

**Jim Foley** has now officially retired to Albion, ME (near Augusta) to a 100-year-old house with a stone cellar on six acres. He works as a substitute teacher in the eighth grade in addition to being a gentleman farmer. He has a pair of geese that are waist high and a bunch of laying hens. His "girls" (two Chihuahuas) and he love the "simply pristine rural atmosphere." He loves being in the retirement mode and he serves as a volunteer on the library building committee as well.

**Peter Sherin** and his family spent last December in Argentina enjoying the rain forest. He was glad to attend the senior dinner at GDA where he spent time with Bill Whiting. He remains busy with real estate and non-profit boards. His 16-year-old son David is a day student at Noble & Greenough and enjoys university sports that were not a choice for his dad—crew and downhill racing. He says it is "hard to believe we will be visiting col-

leges this year."

**Geoff Lewis** writes, "just shufflin' along waiting for people to visit D.C.."

**Walter Cannon**, says he is "much too busy. I should be slowing down. The world is a very interesting place after September 11, 2001. I hope we will all survive. Family as great as ever."

**Fred Huntress**, my neighbor three towns to the northwest, writes that he is "happy in retirement in New Hampshire. We enjoy all the amenities up here all season long. Great winter for skiing, but can spring be far behind. I'm in serious training to defeat Fergie in any road race of any length!! I see Bud Hadley to play golf and he is fine."

Speaking of **Ferg Jansen**, he is still running Tyee Management, a restaurant consulting business. When I spoke to him he was off to the National Restaurant Association (another NRA) meeting in Chicago. His clients range from upscale to 24/7 diners to a Japanese miso restaurant and a colonial theater restoration thrown in for interest.

**Courtney Bird** says he is running again. He is doing residential real estate on a joint venture basis. His last project on the Cape in Massachusetts was for a 5,800 square foot house that sold for the asking price, \$4.5M. Currently he is negotiating to do a custom house in the same area. Does anyone wish to retire to the Cape? He is also still directing the annual Cape Cod Marathon, a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

I finally caught up with **Mac MacLean** after Dana's memorial service. Mike has been married to the love of his life, Pat Mullen, since 1963. He thoroughly enjoyed reuniting with **Dana Atchley** and the interaction of the two couples that it brought. Son Mike, Jr. is 34 and is a clinical psychology professor at UNY-Buffalo. Mark Patrick is 31 and is an English teacher at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Mac has been at Hormel Foods for 30 years in Corporate Management Staffing and Recruiting with three years off to earn an MBA at the

University of Minnesota. Mike and I participated in a memorial service at the Moseley Chapel for Dana Atchley. Since Dana grew up in Lincoln, MA and there were lots of family residing here in the east, Dana's wife Denise wanted to hold a service for him at GDA. I led the service and Mike delivered a wonderful eulogy that covered their days at GDA with Dana and his reuniting with Dana in recent years. It was a fitting tribute to Dana.

1960

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**John Slater** writes that he retired from teaching high school English in June of '99 and that "retirement is fantastic."



Richard Nalchajian and William F. Tuxbury Jr., co-captains of the of 1960 football team

He is enjoying life more than ever and is now waiting for his wife Sue to retire from teaching next June. **Jim Hunt**, class of '61, visited John in September and they had a great time "reminiscing about the good ole' days." Way to go John! Like you and your wife, my wife is also still teaching. Someone has to support us in the style to which we have become accustomed.

**Brad Conant's** daughter, Elizabeth, a



graduate of Wheaton College '97 and Springfield College '00, is the Assistant Athletic Director at Miss Porters School in Framington, CT and is really enjoying the life of on campus living. Brad...maybe someday she will end up at GDA.

**Bill Braucher**, whom I have not heard from for a long time, is living in West Newton, MA. Over the last decade he has phased out most of his law practice into real estate investments. Bill writes that he plays tennis, golf and paddle tennis. His daughter Katherine, a graduate of Winsor School and Brown University, is in her third year at Boston College Law School. Looks like Katherine is following in her dad's footsteps. His other daughter, Emily, a graduate of Middlesex School and Brown University also, is now in the Peace Corps in Kiribati. (I've got to stop for a minute while I look Kiribati up in my atlas). Bill also writes that his first wife, Susan, passed away in 1992. In 1995, Bill married Nan, a retired elementary school principal. You can't help but love those school principals, especially retired ones! Bill enjoys a second home in Nonquitt, South Dartmouth, MA. Way to go Bill...it was great to hear from you.

**Geoff Nichols** has much news to share. On August 18, 2001, his son Christopher was married to Sarah Roberts. They, along with Sarah's twin boys will be living in Pomfret, VT where Geoff, his wife, their daughter Hannah and her husband Stephen and their two girls live. Wow...Geoff is a now a grandfather four times. So much older than me! Nate Greene and his wife Kate, along with Geoff's brother **Joel '56** and his good duck hunting friend from Grand Isle, VT, George Starbuck '57, all attended the wedding. Geoff also reports that Nate Greene's wife Kate recently had a novel, *End Over End*, published in April and it has received some good reviews. Geoff offered to help Kate edit the book, but

Nate reminded Geoff that at GDA he was in the first percentile in spelling and that Geoff's position as the worst speller in the school was taken over only by Akio Takita when he first arrived from Tokyo. Aha...I have a great idea! Everyone buy Kate Greene's book, *End Over End*, read it and then send me a review for the next *Archon*. At least I will get some good print for the *Archon* and Nate (and Kate) will be that much closer to retirement.

**William Tuxbury** is enjoying Chatham on Cape Cod while doing general consulting to interim management. Children doing well—Kathryn is starting Tufts Vet School in fall, James just completed his first year at Columbia Law School and Susan is finishing up her M.S. at Florida Atlantic and currently on an Amazon River Research Station assignment.

**Gregory Meyer** reports, "Even though it sometimes is somewhat cool, no snow, ice, sleet, frozen slush or temperature below 30. Studying taxes and property. We bought our third rental house. Joan hopes to retire from nursing."

**Carl Youngman** writes, "The Youngman's and Deveney's golfed this summer at The International, previewing the opening of our new Tom Fazio Course. My restaurant in Brookline, Zaftigs, is on Best of Boston from Boston Magazine for the third year in a row. Other than watching my 401K become a 201K, life is grand.

News from yours truly is like most of the contributors to this issue. My wife Candy is a special education teacher at the Cashman Elementary School in Amesbury, MA. Our children are grown and doing well. Oldest son, Che, is a computer systems administrator for ManuLife Insurance in Boston. Second son, Kane, has his own business, Eclipse Automation, where he repairs and retrofits sheet metal and sign-making cutting machines around the country. Daughter, Erin '92, is an

Occupational Therapist for Children's Hospital in Salem, MA. Youngest son, Jonathan, is attending Westfield State and enjoys his summer job leading groups of teenagers on adventure based trips for Adventure Lore out of Danville, NH. The kind of summer job everyone should have! And, I retired this past June after 36 years in the education profession with the last 19 years as Principal of Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School in Hamilton, MA. But, the retirement was short lived as I took a consulting position as the interim principal for Newburyport High School for the 2001-2002 school year. In fact I think that my retirement was about four days in length. But, I am thoroughly enjoying the challenges of a new position, which is in my home community. My commute...an eight minute walk from my home...is ideal. I have learned that kids are kids...energizing and great...no matter where you are."

That's the news from the Class of '60 where all the men are good looking, the significant others strong and the children above average. Keep the notes coming in! Read *End over End* and send me those reviews. My time is up and I thank you for yours! And remember, the porch light is always on for you!

1961

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**Terry Ellis** writes from Maui where he has lived for 30+ years. He has worked at sugar cane companies doing everything from driving a hoe to driving cane haul trucks to running a raw sugar factory. He headed up camp for ordinance clearing operations on Kaho'o Lawe. He is now making doors and windows and growing taro and vegetables.

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## 40th Class Reunion June 14, 15, 16 2002

"Darrell Hamric continues to manage his real estate properties in Texas and



Marty and Bill Sperry at their home in Homosassa, FL

co-invests with Frank Bond in New Mexico," says Tom Tobey. They could probably use the services of Bill McPhee whose long legal career with Cravath Swaine & Moore continues.

Ken Pouch writes that he and Peter Buck have spent a number of fishing vacations together with families in the Bahamas and have run into Slater Smith and Gar Randall who sail there in the winter as well.

Steve Barkin's career research in Middle Eastern studies has returned him to the lecture circuit—Bull Sager would be proud. Steve has offered to give a talk at Reunion on recent developments in the Muslim world which should be well worth attending.

Malcom Donaldson writes that he and Jim Everett have founded a plumbing distributorship in Alaska and the

Appalachians and that they are doing fine and, in spite of this challenging economy, demand is solid.

Rick Tongberg and Warren Steelespent some time together at a soccer coach's clinic in Florida and report that each of them is ready to play if asked.

Denis Golden, taking umbrage at my letter this fall, writes that he has become a "techie" at last and is developing an Internet software program for his trivia radio show. "If I had known it was this easy I would have tried to meet Bill Gates sooner!" Denis promises to announce an "interactive, streaming media website" for our reunion shortly.

Ed Kleven writes that he and Tay Vaughn have been collaborating on a book about their mutual interest, Japanese floral arrangements to be published this winter. Ben Jameson and Tim McNally are investors—it's great to see classmates' continuing hobbies keeping them

together for all these years.

Correspondence with Peb Rock in July found him and wife Jackie in Phoenix off to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary in Las Vegas.

Ray Bird reports that in spite of age and injuries, he continues to play soccer in an adult league in Boston.

Howard Durfee reports that he, Peter Butler, Cy Hoover and Bob James are frequent golf buddies and as a foursome have challenged "all comers" at the reunion. Any response?

Have heard reports that Steve Kasnet is building a sailing yacht in Manchester and that he retained the marine engineering skills and supplies of Bob Snyder and Bob MacLaughlin, also big sailors, residing in Maine. Maybe they will show us the finished product this June.

Got a note from Jim Moore that he and "The Butt Club" want a reunion and are seeking the whereabouts of Rick Knight, Jim Gordon, Bob Culver and Bill Huston. Does anyone know where these guys are?

John Acerra, Ham Agnew, Paul Johnson and Peter Bjork, all now retired from Wall Street, have written various notes on "Surviving The Dot-Com Bubble" and we might be able to get them to collectively chair an investment roundtable for us in June, if there is any stock market left.

Former grapplers Jack Fenn and Mark Johnson, not surprisingly, have leaped into the national surge of patriotic pride and are producing a line of historic American flag memorabilia out of a former textile mill once owned by former venture capitalists and classmates, John Fay and Stan Healy. We wish them well in this timely venture.

Chris Ferris and Pete Flaherty, long residents of California, have dropped out of politics for now, but not so for Pete Kelly, Theodore Moore and Rob Michele, each of whom has run for either local or state office over the years.

Jim O'Dea and Jeb Selden write that their normally hectic international travels have been curtailed since September, but that they anticipate being active in their respective roles in the State Department soon. Nick Strater, along with the Department of Defense assures us "things will get better soon - trust me!" Good to know Nick is on the case.

John Tarbell writes, "Everyone has been great responding to the anticipation of the Reunion. For me, I have little news here - living in New York these last weeks is enough. Look forward to seeing you all in June!"

Tom Tobey writes, "This was a GDA trip that I not only looked forward to with great anticipation, but which far exceeded my expectations. In a recent trip east, I felt like it was a trip down memory lane. After a wedding weekend of a friend's son on Cape Cod, I met Pete Maghinist at the



Harvard Faculty Club. Other than a slight hair coloration change that has hit most of us, Pete looked the same. He was relaxed, spoke fondly of his wife and children and was about to depart for Heidelberg, Germany to present a paper. Peter is his usual, productive self as a member of the Program in the Study of Religion and the Divinity School. Earlier, he taught in departments of religion or Near Eastern studies at Case Western Reserve University (1971-77), the University of Arizona, Tucson (1977-86) and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1986-1990). His primary interest is in ancient Near Eastern cultural, intellectual and social history, focusing particularly on ancient Israel and Mesopotamia. It was really wonderful to see him and I intend to see him again at the reunion next spring.

I spent a grand evening with **Burke Leahey** and his wife, Barbara at their home in Duxbury. The evening followed an earlier meeting at which time we were checking out a local eating establishment's attempt at the American hamburger. They have a way to go although the company was fantastic. Burke and Barb are thoroughly enjoying retirement. Burke doesn't know how he had time to work. They spend their time between an apartment in Boston, Duxbury and Florida. Life is definitely agreeing with them.

I was able to tie my visit in the area to see a doctor at Dana-Farber. Andy Whittemore set up my meeting and it proved to be most encouraging. The highlight of the visit with Andy was getting a round of "golf" in with Andy, his wife, Rhodie and **Colin Studds**. It was a beautiful day and the company was superb. I was able to catch up on news of **Sam Wakeman's** new venture as the owner/operator of a hardware store. I put a cap on the trip with a visit with Peter

Bragdon at the campus in Byfield. While the place never seems the same without seeing the faces of Buster, David Williams and Bill Sperry, the changes to the campus are phenomenal. The new library, science and math building, field house and numerous living units are only a few of the changes. Lights on the track, new fields, the movement of The Red School House and the performing arts center are incredible additions.

I am excited about the prospects of seeing many faces at the 40th reunion that John has been hyping in recent months. **Steve Kasnet** is on the Board of Trustees, so we are well represented in the current administration.

I am hopefully on the road to recovery after a scary summer of tests, surgery and radiation. I am very grateful for the many cards, calls and well wishing from so many old friends from "Byfield Days." Thank you.

1963

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Three communications recently, two from classmates and one from the daughter of a classmate.

**Bob Ingalls** is another of our distinguished classmates in academe. Bob reports, "I've been out of touch for the past few decades so I guess it's time to write. After getting too many degrees (Ph.D. in Psychology from UConn, M.S. in Computer Science from RPI), I have been working for the past 15 years as the Executive Director of the Computer Science Department at RPI where I teach and do administrative stuff." Great to hear from you, Bob.

Next we heard from **Peter Coburn**. Peter notes, "A recent issue of the *Archon*

noted that **Ben Mann**, my freshman roommate (Moody 3), was flying to Kenya in his Gulfstream V. Since I was going to be in Kenya as well I decided to look for him. I searched for him in the Masai, Mara, Kakamega and Tsavo East among many other places. Then I remembered - Ben doesn't know the difference between a passerine and an ungulate - I should have checked the nightclubs! So I didn't see Ben, but I did see many mammals, 450+ species of birds and some wonderful scenery. Beautiful country, kind and gracious people, great trip!" Peter, the solution is simple - have Ben take you along in the Gulfstream V on his next trip!

Finally, a more momentous communication from Penny Gaston, daughter of our late classmate, **Chip Waggoner**. Penny writes, "Chip Waggoner was my father, although I never had the opportunity to meet him before he passed away in 1979. I'm looking for old stories or pictures you may have of him in hope that I might know him through other people's memories. Anything would be helpful. Thank you for your time." Penny Easton, office: 770-514-3490, fax: 770-795-2020, cell: 678-641-7299, email: penny.easton@starband.com.

1964

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**Tom Gregg** reports that he is still working hard and living in Colonial Williamsburg, VA. His son Chris just finished seven years with the Navy as a cryptology officer and is now at Harvard seeking his Masters in Education. Daughter Tory is an M.D. in orthopedic surgery and serving her residency at MCV in Richmond. He and wife Kris just celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary.



**Peter Thomas**, clearly in a post September 11 mood, emailed me from Cornell, to wish "...health and peace for our class and all others."

In October, Patti and I had a visit from **John Mercer** and wife Florence. They were here to do some fall hiking and wine tasting. Not simultaneously, of course, although that may be next. I seem to recall we had fun. In November, they are going trekking in Patagonia, as John claims some (thin) business excuse to be in Buenos Aires.

Patti and I continue to rusticate. Last week I shot a bear that was trying to gain entry to our house. Ironically, she will have succeeded, as we expect years of enjoyment from her hide that is to become our hearth rug. And so it goes.

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Ford Schumann wrote to say that he was sorry that he couldn't make Reunion Weekend, but he and Mare are still on the organic farm in Chestertown, MD. He also runs a rural recycling program and hosts a local open mic night. Their daughter Brook has graduated from college and

is working as a stitcher for the San Diego Opera Company. Their son Robin is taking a break from college and thinking of going out to San Diego also. While Ford is trying to perfect his golf game, Mare is going back to school to pursue a master in arts.

I'm still in Maine, trying to protect the lakes from people who would love them to death. I am also indulging in my love of herpetology by helping document the presence of reptile and amphibian species in the towns in my area for the Maine Herpetological Atlas project. My passion for birding took me to Scotland last spring for ten days of birding in Galloway and Dumfries - saw a lot of new (to me) birds even though our touring about was curtailed by the hoof and mouth outbreak. My daughter Kate is a senior at Marlboro College (VT) majoring in Egyptology. My son is working for Hilton Hotels in Reno, NV. What are your children up to?

The Reunion photo did not include **Don Hudson**, who came for Saturday evening but could not make the afternoon programs. He is living in Hampton, NH and working as a graphic artist. He and his wife Robin are into ballroom dancing and had a great time at the Reunion.

Nor did the photo include the lovely ladies that accompanied some of the Class of '66. Robin came with **Don Hudson** to the dinner on Saturday. There for supper on Friday night with **Greg Kelliher** was Joanne and Mimi came with **Jack Wellman**. Saturday, Claudia came with **Tom Hildreth**. It was a pleasure to have met these women - and they helped raise the tone of the conversation and generally made for a fun time (the 30th Reunion was pretty much a stag party).

From what I can remember from the Reunion Weekend- **Sid Baer** has a medical practice

in Ipswich; he never got far from home. **Ted Caldwell** is still doing science-enrichment for several schools in the Adirondacks. **Tom Walker** is working for LLBean. **Tim Keeney** is the environmental officer for a utility company. **Greg Kelleher** is a lawyer in Northampton, MA. **Charlie Estes** is running his own environmental consulting firm in Washington, DC.

**Tom Hildreth** is with Carrabassett Valley Coffees - good stuff, visit him on the web. **Jack Wellman** works for Joule, Inc. in New Jersey. We are a wonderfully diverse bunch!

**Len Johnson** says, "Married to the same wonderful woman, Christine Molitor, for 20 years!"

**Jim Keeler** says, "Very disappointed I couldn't return for the reunion last June, but we had booked a vacation to Massachusetts and New Hampshire starting the following weekend. Had to come back for our annual Keeler family clam-bake - steel drums filled with lobsters, clams and corn on the cob layered inside seaweed, then steamed over a hot wood fire - delicious!"

# 1967

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**Robert Bass** (RMBass@keystoneftw.com) is the new chairman of Stanford Management, which oversees the university's endowment. He recently completed a 12-year run as a Stanford trustee, serving four of those years as chairman. Robert's three youngest are at Yale Law School, Stanford and Oxford.

Also studying abroad is **Andrew Nichols'** daughter Rachael, who won a Fulbright to go to New Zealand and study



Members of the 1966 Red Key Society



the works of poet James Baxter. (ANichols@pellrud.com).

**Roger Block** and Amy Jordan set sail in July from the North Shore for a year of travel between Maine and the Bahamas.

The water also has lured **Dwight Reid's** (dhreid@crane.com) daughter Andrea, who takes part in crew. Dwight and Coree spend weekends traveling to regattas. Daughter Emily won a fellowship to study for a week with the Miami ballet.

Don't even think of dissing **Alan Rothfeld** (rothfeld@hsc.usc.edu). His high school son William is a 6'2", 235-pound starting lineman. "I've stopped telling him what to do," says Alan.

**Stanley Greenberg** (sfgg@maine.rr.com) doesn't have that problem. In November he made his inaugural trip to Disney World so his youngsters could meet Mickey and Donald. Stanley said he felt it was his "patriotic duty" to keep Disney afloat.

Back in Maine is **Ray Huard** (rhuard@maine.rr.com), the chief financial officer and director of sales and marketing for Northeast Turf, which is the exclusive distributor of Fieldturf. They are selling to pro teams and colleges.

Two class members are now keeping New Englanders' spirits up with fine beverages. **Phil Finn** (philipfinn@aol.com) has signed on as VP for purchasing with Martignetti in Norwood, MA and **Russ Bolles** recently celebrated 27 years as proprietor of the Ipswich Bottle Shop.

After 15 years with Chrysler, **Don Gay** (t3179dg@ameritech.net) struck out on his own in 2001, selling health insurance for the self-employed. Among Don's other activities are football and lacrosse officiating.

Once upon a time, **Wayne Noel** and Ward Westhafer (emwardwest@cs.com) were almost neighbors. Today they are just about at opposite ends of the Eastern

Seaboard, living in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and Lake Worth, Florida. If they make it to Reunion 2002, it will be their first non-phone get-together in 30 years.

**Keith Adolph** is a software developer for Inovant, a Visa International subsidiary, in the San Francisco Bay Area. Son Kevin, a sophomore, is on the high school cross-country team, though GDA's two-time cross country captain insists it was not his idea.

**Tom Taylor's** son Andy is captain of the harriers at Choate Rosemary Hall and as of press time was trying to figure out where he wants to end up in college. (TGTaylorSW@aol.com). Also wrestling with that decision is the captain of the field hockey team at Urbana (MD) High School, Mick Doolittle's youngest daughter, Morgan. Could she have been named for one of Mick's pony football teammates? (modoolittle@mcdevittrealestate.com)

On September 11, **Carter Evans** (cartere@msn.com) was one football field away from the World Trade Center. Just as he sat down to tackle email, he heard a "kaboom" and felt his building shake. Fifteen blocks into his northerly retreat he turned around to see the first tower collapse.

Got a German shepherd that needs a good home? Call **Web Pearce** out in Hollister, CA. After years of helping marine mammals, he and Donna now are active in a group that takes in German shepherds at risk of being put to sleep. They keep them until a permanent owner can be found. Web is a software tester for Palm.

Another Bay Area classmate, **Rich Brayton** (braytons94115@yahoo.com), is finalizing Four Seasons resorts for Jackson Hole, Egypt, Costa Rica and Whistler, BC. No wonder he blew through the 100,000-mile mark on United in 2001.

**Mac Barnes** (mbarnes@bloomberg.net) wants you to

have a comfortable retirement. He's written *Total Wealth*, which you should be able to find in bookstores and at Amazon.com.

"There's more to life than work!!" **Dave Marsh** (dmarsh@savechildren.org) says after enjoying a three-month leave of absence from Save the Children.

**Jay Marsh** (marsh-economic@worldnet.att.net), an economist who serves as an expert witness in litigation, is finding enough work to keep him busy but is not taking on so much that he can't enjoy life. Last October, for the 13th year in a row, Jay and some old friends went scuba diving in Mexico.

**Lew Rumford** (lrumford@gwu.edu) is now George Washington University's senior advisor for business development, looking for ways to link education and technology in ways that can make money for the school. Lew's former co-captain, Bill Alfond, was down at Wake Forest in the fall and ran some handoff drills with former halfback Jim Millett. "He looked good," Bill reports.

**Andy Rimmington** (ajr@shepbush.com) has received a one-year appointment as a "special student" in the American Studies Department at Harvard. While doing research at Widener Library, he may run into **Fred Burchsted**, who works there. Next time you think your job is tough, imagine being a convention planner in the post-September 11 world. That's what Jeff Wood (jeffw@aiche.org) does day-in and day-out in his New York office at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

1968

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Greetings once again. I received notes from a variety of the usual suspects



for this issue of the *Archon*.

**Dan Ogg's** epistle was "Fishing in Kodiak." I hope that they are biting.

**John Wannop** informs that he has

the next few months, at least, I am expected to have dinner on the table on time each night . . . so much for best laid plans."

**Chuck Johnson** writes, "I'm very

all is well with you and your family." Chuck Johnson '68, 2644 La Mesa Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, cjohnson@quiknet.com.



Members of the choir class of 1968

three kids in college at the same time and one a freshman in high school. Melissa is a senior at Cornell, Bob is a sophomore at Middlebury and Brian a frosh at Harvard. All state schools with low tuition! Hang in there, John. This is also his 21st year in Woodstock, VT.

**Jim Rudolph** sent his notes on his law office stationary. I had this official looking envelope waiting for me in mid-September and thought, "What am I in trouble for now!" Jim comments on how many of us already have grandchildren!! (Not me!) Jim's oldest son is in his first year at Babson; his middle son Bobby is a frosh at GDA (in the same class as Marc Tucker's son, Ty); and Jim's youngest, Katie, is a seven-year-old second grader (my best academic year). Jim sends his best wishes to all.

**Harry Kangis** sent "greetings from one lonely class secretary to another." At the end of September, I accepted early retirement from Procter & Gamble, which I am choosing to call my "commencement" into the next chapter. Plans include some part-time management and marketing consulting, a lot of pro-bono work for The Nature Conservancy and the usual retirement stuff—more golf, travel, body maintenance (a really big job!) and grandbaby time. My wife is retiring this December, so like Butch and Sundance we're jumping off the cliff hand in hand. Of course, she has informed me that for

impressed.... My last news bit published in the *Archon* earlier this year included a suggestion to check out my son's college alma mater, the University of Puget Sound. Lo and behold, the *Archon* commencement issue listed one 2001 GDA grad at UPS, two more at Lewis & Clark, a couple at the Univ. of the Pacific and others going to UCSD, Denver, Colorado State and Santa Clara. This is a historic event when over ten percent of a graduating class ends up on the West Coast or close to it. It speaks well of the college placement staff as well as the increased geographic diversity of the students admitted to GDA.

As for myself, I am going through the next stage of parenting which is "now that the kid has graduated college, when is he going to get a job." The good news is that he is seriously looking for work and is not living at home.

And there was another interesting parental "anxiety attack" following the tragic events in N.Y.C., D.C. and Pennsylvania. By circumstance, we were on a family vacation in Sweden with our son at the time and, after his initial shock, he was ready to sign up and go to war. Fortunately, we weren't near any recruiting office. He cooled down and realized that was not the answer and that he would have to find other means to help eradicate terrorism and further the cause of peace and harmony throughout the world. Hope

**Ross Raymond** writes, "Hello from Chapel Hill, where the streets are still abuzz with the fact that the Tar Heels, while juiced on patriotic determination, pulled off an astounding upset against perennial powerhouse Florida State. However, as that thrill subsides you can still see the pain and questions on peoples faces related to September 11 and the future.

On the news front, at the ripe old age of 51, I am starting my own consulting business building on 15 years in pharmaceutical R&D and a 5-year stint in an entrepreneurial start up building application software for that domain. I have been thinking about it for a year at least and getting laid off in August was just the final push I needed.

Our two boys Chris (12) and Adam (nine) are off to a great start this school year with less Nintendo, more sports/exercise and usually doing homework without much complaining ...how long can that last?

Had a wonderful family oriented summer, with about ten days in the Tetons and Yellowstone followed shortly by a terrific week in Truro, Cape Cod with my cousin **Barry Burlingham '71** and his family. Making sure our kids maintain their connection like we did growing up together will always be a priority.

I may well end up doing work in your vicinity with Solvay or UCB in the next year so you may get a call with sufficient advance warning for a visit. Thanks for your efforts toward maintaining communications within our class."

**Charles Johnson** writes, "Not a whole lot to report except that I'm retiring from farming. A combination of poor ag business climate and health problems related to my limb loss make it a good time to find a less stressful way of making a living. I have the opportunity to work with handicapped farmers adjusting to



returning to their job. The house on the Cape is due for completion by Christmas so we may take some time off and enjoy it. Spencer is three and a half so soon school will limit our ability to make use of it."

**Ben Brewster**, "A quick update. I have spent this last summer teaching summer school at Madison Park High School in Roxbury as part of an alternative teacher certification program. This fall I am the eighth grade math teacher at the charter school here in Plymouth. I've graduated from Chair of the Board of Trustees, to teacher at the school. Exciting, but a lot of work. I am now in a better position to realize the vision with which we started over five years ago. Not exactly what I had in mind when I set out." Ben Brewster, 44 Brook Rd., Plymouth, MA 02360, 508-224-4061' askbenj@alum.mit.edu, www.askbenj.com, OR: Rising Tide Charter School, 6 Resnik Rd., Plymouth, MA 02360, 508-747-2620 x27, bbrewster@risingtide.org.

**Don Hayes** came out of semi-retirement to do some semi-work. Having fun doing network administration for a school campus.

**Robert T. Stewart** writes, "I am nearly finished work on my masters (M.A.) in marriage and family therapy. I am an attorney, but my practice is devoted primarily to divorce and custody mediation."

**Chris Page**, "Remember me from Governor Dummer days? I'm sorry I didn't look you up when I was in Atlanta for a conference in May. When you make that move up to New England, please give me a call. I'd love to catch up with you. I really appreciate your serving as class secretary and look forward to hearing from old classmates via the *Archon*."

This is what I'm up to these days. Twenty years ago, I ventured out of Maine



Haskell Rhett '54 and Jeff Gordon '69 at the GDA Auction, Georgetown Club

and have been living and working in the Boston area since then. I've been working the last eight years as a risk management consultant for AEW Capital Management, a real estate advisory firm based on Boston's waterfront. I was divorced ten years ago and am happily living with a very fine lady in Peabody. My daughter is 23, a beautiful young woman living in the Boston area and starting her career in construction management (and finishing her degree in psychology!). My 20-year-old son is not much of a student but I'm hoping he's a late bloomer. He's living in Denver with friends and plans to re-start attending technical school in September. My sports passion these days is ski racing. A few years ago I joined the masters program, a very humbling experience as most of the competitors have been racing all their lives; but it's lots of fun and gets me around to many different ski areas. I'm at the back of the pack in my masters' age group but it definitely pays off when the annual insurance industry ski race is held at Stowe!

By the way, there was a very interesting profile of **Ben Beach** in the Boston Globe this year just before the marathon. What a guy!" D. Christopher Page, Risk Management Consultant, AEW Capital Management, L.P., Two Seaport Lane, World Trade Center East, Boston, MA 02210-2021, 617-261-9583 (tel.), 617-261-9555 (fax).

Finally from myself. I continue to work on the evolution of our new company. The growing demand and need in senior housing and long-term care is presenting a myriad of opportunities and new solutions. We are working on facilitating the process of community self-assessment and the focus of quality outcomes and benchmarks for competency of care. Currently, the regulatory environment focuses on lowest common denominators. We are also working with the delivery of aging care management at home, reducing the need for institutionalization.

My kids are all well. Sean is still in New Haven, doing the sports for The Register. David is in N.Y.C. acting and



working for one of the four companies overseeing the integrity of the clean up at the WTC. He is at the ground-zero site daily. Courtney is in her sophomore year at Auburn, focusing in on Nursing. As I write this, Anne is laid up with a broken kneecap from two days ago. Our mobility for the next few weeks is limited. Hopefully, no surgery. I am well, working too hard, but loving the challenge and opportunity. I have been blessed to work in eldercare; it is very rewarding.

As we go through the aftermath of September 11, our focuses have returned and strengthened to the people and situations that matter. Family and friends are our greatest gifts and comfort. Be comforted by those blessings and have a safe holiday. God speed.

1969

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**Chris Barker** writes that he is living in North Andover with his wife Jill and his nine-year-old son, Ben. His Bassett hound, Annabelle, wins the longevity award—16 years old! Chris is the Director of Technology at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School in Waltham as well as Varsity Wrestling Coach. He will have nostalgic thoughts of Heb when he returns to GDA for his team's wrestling meet in February.

**Peter Wheeler** is still at Commonwealth Financial Network, "the best broker/dealer for independents." Pete says that he is still surfing and loves to travel, having just returned from France where he found a great beach to surf there as well. He lives with his wife and three children in Weston, MA.

**Tim Tenney** was visiting the O'Leary brothers this summer to celebrate Mrs. O'Leary's 75th birthday in Oyster Harbors on the Cape. As he says, "It was nice to be with an Irish family who can still drink." (I don't think he was referring to Pepsi, either!)

1970

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**Jeff Brown** and **Jack Cutler** hope to have all the 4,000 peaks in New England climbed by our next reunion. (35th, 32nd?) They last sent a postcard from Vermont in August – "Greetings from Ben & Jerry's."

**Stilman Davis** visited the GDA campus after 25+ years. Here for a week in September from England attending a publishing conference, Stilman had dinner one night with **John Newman** and **Randy Whitney**. He is still offering a "cup of tea" to anyone who gets across the Atlantic to visit Mary, his wife, and their many dogs.

**Ron Latham** has just finished his tenth year directing the Berkshire Athenaeum, the public library for the city of Pittsfield, MA. His youngest son, Justin, is a junior at Dartmouth and his oldest son, Adam, has graduated from West Point and is now taking advanced training in commanding tanks at Fort Knox.

**Henry Eaton** reports that daughter Brooke, now a junior at GDA, went on the school-sponsored trip to Vietnam with Catherine Whitney '01. Randy Whitney's older child, Alex is now a freshman at GDA. Four more years!

**Terry Nolan** has just retired from the U.S. Military as a Surface Warfare Officer driving warships "around the seven seas." He has two sons, one recently graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology and one to graduate in December from Southern Polytechnic. Terry and his wife, Ruby, now reside in Stone Mountain, GA.

**Jeb Bradley** is finishing his sixth term in the New Hampshire State Legislature. In the next 2002 Republican Primary, he will run for the First District Congressional seat in New Hampshire.

**Nat Williams** has started his 21st year with the Nature Conservancy as VP/State Director for the Maryland, D.C. Chapter. He has worked with conserva-

tion programs in Belize, Panama and Venezuela, as well as Maryland. Annette, Nat's wife, is now on staff of the Conservancy. Children Jordan (16), Sam (15) and Jamie (seven) are all doing well.

1971

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**Gig Barton** reports, "Who would have thought I would end up working for Court TV! Will try and keep classmates from showing up on trial coverage. Living in N.Y.C. with daughter Spencer (12), son George (eight) and wife of 15 years Holly. Do not see enough of anyone from '71."

1972

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**Phil Zenner** reports that he just got back from Jamaica in early October. He is back at work building up the training department for Servigistics, a field service parts planning system.

**Richard Hackel** says that since the 25th reunion, he has divorced, moved to Ann Arbor, MI to take a new position as Director of Ophthalmic Photography at the University of Michigan's Kellogg Eye Center, met and married to his wife, Jenny, who has two teenage daughters. They are currently adding a big addition to a little old house in town. He adds that he still recklessly maintains his insanity by making and exhibiting artwork and playing the guitar whenever possible.

**Bill Frost** reports all is somewhat



## class notes

okay out here in the Beverly area considering the recent events. He is still doing the same old stuff - a little tennis here and there. He is dabbling in some real estate too. He is contemplating spending some time this winter down in his place in Jupiter, FL. At least bouncing back and forth.

**Peter Conway** got my letter regarding *Archon* news and thought he'd send an email. (Thanks Peter, it really is easy, isn't it.) His daughter is in her freshman year at Vanderbilt. She likes the college life big time but the South is taking some getting used to. He reports that a couple of our classmates moved over the last few months.

**Jim 'Ace' Pierce** finds himself in Chicago while **Paul Commito** (who left him with an old cell phone #) moved to New Jersey. Peter adds that a significant portion of their business comes from the New York publishing community— a bunch of whom were situated in or near the WTC. As is the case with everyone, he is sure, the stories we've heard told are horrific. Some of them are still among the missing people.

**Tim Traver** sends greetings from the Traver clan in Taftsville, VT. Tim works now for a rural economic development outfit in Montpelier and he does freelance science writing on the side. His wife is on the faculty at Antioch New England graduate school. The kids are growing up and out. First of three graduated from high school in May. She's spending a year in Paris as a Rotary International exchange student before college. Sensing the empty nest situation coming, they took leaves from work last winter and spent it studying Spanish and touring southern Mexico with the family and home schooling kids. Great times living in Ciudad, Oaxaca for six weeks and then in the southern coastal village of Puerto Angel— a new perspective on the world and family for all of us. He

wishes our classmates well and looks forward to our 30th.

As for the Durham family, not much has changed recently. Work at Allstate has been very busy. I celebrated my 25th anniversary with them in June. Hard to believe, but over half my life has been spent at Allstate. The family is fine. Our eighth grade daughter, Andrea, still fills most of our free time. My wife, Jana, spends the rest of her free time donating it as the registrar for the local Girl Scout council. I spend my free time doing prairie restoration in the local forest preserves. Remember the 30th Reunion is next June! Keep those cards, letters and emails coming!

# 1973

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I am sad to report the death of **Donald Stewart Leas, III**, remembered by some of us as "Boy" Leas, on July 12, 2001 of stomach cancer. I received a note from Susan Leas just recently. Those of you wishing to send a note of condolence may write to her at 292 Colonial Lane Palm Beach, Florida 33480.

News from **Chris** and **Robin '74 Baker** that they are well and enjoying their new role as parents of a GDA student. A footnote—Chris and Robin have now made history. To my knowledge they are the first alums to meet at GDA, marry and have an offspring attend the Academy. Sounds like an *Archon* feature story to me. In any event, Chris also writes that Meredith '05 is enjoying her freshman year and that he is impressed with the changes on campus. Chris also is impressed that GDA has maintained its small and friendly atmosphere. He is opening a new animal hospital in

Hampton Falls, NH and is exhausted but excited about this new venture. Chris has recently been in touch with **Wyatt Garfield**, **Tom Hagan**, **Frank Holmes**, **Merrill Marsh** and **Dolf Haffenreffer**. He sends wishes to Dolf for a speedy recovery with his ruptured Achilles tendon. Dolf, didn't they tell you that at our age we are now in "prime" shape for ruptured Achilles tendons?

On a more serious note, I join Bake in his good wishes to anyone hurt by recent events in New York and Washington.

**Mike Balf** writes that daughter Timna is now 19 and going into the army in Israel in November. She has just finished a year of National Service in Israel where they live. She volunteered as a counselor at a drug rehabilitation center for teens. Mike notes that although very difficult, it was a very enriching experience for his eldest child. Second daughter Noa is in 12th grade, studying hard, playing basketball and learning to drive. She too will enter the Army next year. Mike, following after my own pattern, has a third much younger child, Alon and he is happy in second grade to move from sport to sport. Wife Rachel continues her work as a social worker at a local hospital and Mike is now a principal (we really are living similar lives) at the regional high school. He has 600 students in grades 10-12. Mike, good luck on finishing your doctorate and thanks for the news.

**George Brock** writes that he had a stroke on his birthday in 2000, but looking on the bright side of things, he reports that returning to a nursing facility has given him time to catch up on his poetry reading. That's our George, aka "Lou." Best wishes and a speedy recovery from all of us!

**Scott "Shack" Johnson** writes that he spent nine and a half weeks this summer in India. Among the many wonders



and beauties of the trip, Scott notes, "in India one has to define one's privacy because it will not be given to you."

**Craig Laub** sends news that his daughter Lydia, now almost three, started pre-school three half days a week. Luckily, she likes it! His daughter Cora was born on February 9, 2001. Craig, congratulations!

It was good to hear from **Walter Rivera** especially in light of the events of September 11. Walter reports that his law office, as of his note, is still closed due to



Members of the 1974 varsity women's basketball team

the World Trade Center tragedy. His office building is a few blocks south of the WTC. Everyone was safely evacuated from his office although Walter himself was on route to the courts in the Bronx at the time of the attacks. Still, he reports that he could see the huge white cloud of smoke all the way from the Bronx. Clearly, our prayers go out to you Walter and all of the victims of this tragedy.

The **Youngs** made a recent trip east to GDA's Parents' Weekend. "Our Kristina is in her senior year and we were blessed to have the opportunity to share in this glorious weekend event at school. Eddie, our eldest is enjoying freshman year at Pomona College in Claremont and Aaliyah, our youngest, is thriving at her preschool. This is her year to take the admissions test for kindergarten at Daddy's school. She'll probably be fine, but do pray for Daddy. Those close to me will remember that I do sometimes worry. (Understatement of the year!) Thanks to you all for your notes. In difficult times we

are reminded that there really is "no place like home" and that there is nothing like the memory of friendships established during our school days at the Academy. May we remember each other in our individual prayers until we meet again. Peace out."

## 1974

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**Steve Bottomley** says, "I was hired by a local family to oversee the building of a new 18 hole public golf course in Greenland, NH. The Breakfast Hill Golf Club opened in June of 2000. I have stayed on as General Manager to get the course established. Still single and living in Rye, NH."

## 1975

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**Lisa Johnson** speaks for so many of us when she writes, "As we try to make sense of all that has happened in the world and the U.S. recently, we think of our friends both past and present and hope all are well." I've thought of so many of us who went on to work in New York and D.C. and hope they are coping. It's not easy.

**Buddy Rice** moved to Virginia from Seattle this summer. Buddy obviously is good with the move and doesn't have to make cross-country treks every other week.

**David Cain** is building a home and getting ready to pack snow for another winter in beautiful Mount Sunapee, NH. David writes that beautiful summer weather was perfect for weekends of family tent camping with his three children who are now six, eight and ten.

**Michael Sapuppo** has just been

made a Managing General Partner of Preservation Partners Development in San Francisco. Mike's company buys and rehabs apartment units for low-income housing in California and Washington State and is in charge of the debt placement and equity syndication for the company. He is obviously enjoying the West Coast way of life in the Bay Area living with his wife Lisa and daughter Sophie, who is now five. The Sapuppo family is looking forward to snowboarding season.

**David Bohman** writes, "I am working at the CBS-TV station in Tampa, FL reporting the news and am proud to report the newest addition to my growing family. Alexis Grace Bohman was born this spring and luckily looks just like her mother Linda. Her older sister Adrianna just turned two."

## 1976

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**Tom Adams** says, "Sure, celebrating on the 29th sounds like a change...stir things up! Celebrated my fourth time riding in the Pan Mass Challenge this August. This year I rode with Bob Clagett, yes a history and German teacher we all had many moons ago. Since the ride I've donated blood platelets twice at the Dana-Farber to contribute to Leukemia patients recovery. Also, I plan to run with a team of 12 for the second time this fall in the Reach the Beach Relay, [www.rtbrelay.com](http://www.rtbrelay.com), from Bretton Woods to Hampton Beach, NH - 200 miles in 26 hours...what a gas! Deb came in second in a triathlon this summer, 12th in the International Rowing Class-B's and is heading off to do a television commercial tomorrow...busy, busy, busy. Both Morgan and Ian are attending PEA and finding it challenging. This summer Morgan attended a leadership program in Washington, DC and recommended all teenagers attend. Ian surfed and worked hard this summer making needed money to pay for his books and



school supplies this fall. He hopes to study in France for a semester next year."

1977

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Allison McElroy Quinttus says, "I have added to my schedule coaching fifth and sixth grade girls soccer and third grade boys lacrosse – as much as I try to explain to the boys that the girls game of lacrosse requires more skill and finesse, they only remind me that body checking is more fun."

Tracie Ackerman writes, "Still living in Newton and hope to renovate my kitchen this winter. My son, Alexander, is approaching his 12th birthday and I'm seeing signs of the teen years but not sure I'm ready!! Just left exciting few years in HR with Digitas and Excite@Home and have recently secured new role with Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. as the Recruitment Manager for their Federation-wide Campaign. My work is all over the country but spend most of my time recruiting in N.Y.C. and D.C., although I do this from my home just outside Boston. Returning to school, skiing whenever I can and overall enjoying life; I'm really liking this decade of my life!! The 20's and 30's were eras of mistakes and uncertainty; I think I've finally selected a path that feels right." Tracie Ackerman, Recruitment Manager, Federation-wide Campaign, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., Tel # 617.916.1194, Fax # 617.916.1235. Planned Parenthood Federation of

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Sara Barry writes, "Hi everyone! I'm still living in Palm Harbor, FL and looking forward to the day I can move back to my home in New England. My career has taken me to an investment in a new Professional Employer Organization (PEO) three years ago as the Director of Benefit Services and fortunately, we have succeeded in our efforts which has made the work worthwhile. Taken up golfing recently (what else in Florida?) and constantly wonder why...maybe Botts can clue me in? Tried to get in touch with Ginny...where are you? Miss you all and look forward to next June for our 25th!!! Let's make it a huge success! Stand Proud America!" Her email: [sbarry222@aol.com](mailto:sbarry222@aol.com).

From Heather Blair writes, "Some news here. We moved to Los Gatos, CA this summer. My husband Robb and I are both working at an independent K-12 school (The Harker School) in San Jose. Robb is teaching AP Computer Science and Advanced Topics in CS (a post-AP course). I am the Registrar and Dean of Studies. Our three oldest kids are attending Harker (grades one, three and five). Ethan (five) is in his last year (we hope) of chemo for ALL (childhood leukemia) and he and Katherine (three) stay home with our nanny and play all day. We are all enjoying the remarkable weather and laid-back life in the Bay Area. I hope to make it to Reunion in June." Heather's new address: 22152 Old Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos, CA 95033. Her email remains the same: [hb@nne.net](mailto:hb@nne.net).

Vicki (Papaouanou) Murphy writes, "Our family had a tough year. John lost his only brother Michael in the Marine Corps Osprey crash last December 11. He and a crew of three were doing a routine flight in New River, NC when the rotors failed and the plane (which is a

cross between a helicopter and a jet with a price tag of \$94 million dollars) crashed. We were all devastated. This shock numbed us through the holidays and is still hard to believe. He left a wife and two young kids and we were so proud of him. He had a full military burial at Arlington National Cemetery, which even seems to make it more unreal at times. Her email: [bookbus@go.com](mailto:bookbus@go.com).

Other than that, things are much the same. Caitlin is a senior and looking at colleges! Can you believe it? She hopes to go to UMass and is in the throngs of senioritis. It kills me that I'm talking about her senior year and we'll be celebrating a quarter of a century since ours. How's that for feeling like real geezers?

Krista is a freshman and psyched about all the "hotties" in her classes. She is convinced that high school life is one big phone call and blow-drying session. Wait till progress reports!

Riley is the most adaptable eight-year old I know. She can tune out all the yelling and nail polish fumes and fits right into the family where she can. She was just elected student council rep for her third grade class and told me that afternoon that she might even want to be president someday!

I'm still at the library reading to very old or very young people. I see very few middle aged folks during the day so I suppose that's one good reason to go to our 25th, eh?

John is teaching culinary arts at Haverhill High School. The kids he teaches are special needs but he has an awesome way with them. I'm only jealous of his job when he gets the summers off."

Phil Jackson is still living in Salem, MA with Victoria and their four kids, who, he says, are a lot of fun. Life is very busy. He still works at the World Trade Center in Boston.

I've heard from Kate (Wise)



**Tewksbury**, who is very busy with Taylor and MacKenzie. Taylor is playing lacrosse and Kenzie is in soccer. When I called her recently (8:00 a.m. her time), she was heading out to lacrosse with Taylor! So much for sleeping in on a Saturday (and her birthday at that!)

Now, for me....Joseph (I was married in January), Andrew, Sarah and I are still enjoying living in Evanston, IL (right next to Chicago). I am a teaching assistant with LD/BD kids and working toward my masters in special ed. Sarah is learning to read already (she just began first grade...) and Andrew is doing well in his school for children with special needs (he is autistic). We get into Chicago quite frequently to enjoy all it has to offer, though Evanston has so much, it's hard to fit it all in! Hope to see ALL of you at Reunion '02! Start planning now!

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Hello all. Since many of you did not have the time to drop me an email, this article will be somewhat thin news wise. As a reminder, my email address will have changed by the time you read this, so please make a note of my new address: Popehousing@aol.com

For those who have written, I thank you. For the folks who haven't, I hope to hear from you the next time. Enjoy your holiday season and stay safe during these uncertain times.

I have seen **Leslie "Russell" Lafond** a fair amount at the Rockingham Registry of deeds. After giving her a lot of grief for not writing me, she finally broke down and wrote. "Hey Scott, I loved your class letter, just change the names and you have my news!!! Meaghan has started high school and loves it. She is playing field hockey and the team is having a pretty good season so far. Bryan is in fourth grade and likes his teacher (this week!!). We too have just gotten a new puppy! Maggie is a

beautiful yellow lab who gets along great with our 11 year old lab/retriever Abby. The house is always in constant motion it seems! As usual, Michael and I are extremely busy with work, but that seems to be the nature of the beast these days!! Would love to hear from any classmates. Hope this finds everyone healthy and safe." Thanks for writing Leslie! You are off the hook for at least six months!

**Kelly James Coleman** sent me an email. She wrote, "It looks like there could be a mini class reunion at parent/teacher night at Portsmouth High School. My daughter Kali is also a freshman at PHS. She will be fortunate enough to have **David Drucker** as her English teacher in the second semester. I've been keeping busy between work and being the mother of a sports addict. Kali plays soccer for the high school team and will also play basketball and softball for PHS. Throughout the year she also plays AAU basketball for the New Hampshire State Championship team so the summer was spent traveling all over to tournaments with the finale being a ten day trip to Cocoa Beach, FL to play in the Nationals! It was an incredible experience for the girls and truly mind-boggling to see so much talent at such a young age. I recently ran into Leslie (Russell) Lafond in Hampton as her daughter was playing field hockey and mine was on another field playing soccer. I have seen **Ike Suggs** a couple of times when we have had an AAU tournament at GDA but other than that no other sightings! Hopefully I'll see some people at the 25th, which isn't too far away! Hope everyone is doing well and all are in good health."

Kelly, thanks for your email. I really appreciate both you and Leslie writing. Our 25th is right around the corner! I will be contacting you and Leslie when Moon gives me a call to start the process. Well guys....that's it for news. I'll write more if you do. All the best, Scott

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**Debbi (Baker) Black** says, "My family (three boys ages ten, eight and six) and I just got back from a wonderful trip to St. Lucia – it was our first trip as a family and Jim and my first trip to an island. Even with the kids we were able to relax and enjoy ourselves. We are thoroughly looking forward to the summer and hopefully hooking up with some GDA alumni/ae."

**Laura Roome Hemrick** reported that she married Kevin Hemrick in October 2000 on top of Pilot Mountain in North Carolina. It was a very small ceremony—only eight people were there. She is now a Grants Accountant for Wake Forest University, School of Medicine, handling funding for research grants.

1980

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**John Fain**, who actually responds to email, wrote to me. "It is finally cool here in Houston. Laura and I spent my 40th birthday in Las Vegas. (September 29) The crowds were back since the tragedy of September 11. We wanted to go to New York and support the city but the traffic tie ups in Manhattan prevented the trip. However, we plan to go next month. I spoke to Phoebe Coues '81 over Labor Day. To whomever lost a friend or family member Laura and I send our prayers."

I received an email from our good friend **John Wise**, too. It has been another busy year in the Wise household. He is still a stay at home dad. John reports, "By the time this goes to print I will have finished my seventh year as a home dad to Ellen (7) and Jack (ten). I can't think of any one other profession that has given me so much pleasure. We moved to Brunswick, ME last July and we love it. We recently had dinner with the **Staffords** and all seems well in Danville.



Would love to hear from anyone at johhn-nyw@hotmail.com." I love hearing from him. As usual John is wise beyond his years and I look forward to seeing him again before I turn 50! For the 25th reunion we are going to have to send a private car for him and many others. We all need to get together. Anybody seen **Julie Duff**? jwfain@swbell.net

**Ginger Bushnell** writes she has been living in L.A. for over ten years now. Enjoying the diversity and the lifestyle! She is now Principal- Finance and Business Development at Technicolor Digital Cinema, a joint venture with Qualcomm. Check out their website at technicolordigital.com. Ginger also sends her best wishes to the GDA family in these turbulent times.

**Dean Harrison's** wife Judy Clarke gave birth to their first child, Owen Powell Harrison in June. The three of them will be staying in Gloucester this October and November where they appear at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Lowell in the "Three Days of Rain." If anyone is in the area he would it love if you came to see the show.

**Cornelia (Lia McCarthy) Deney** writes to announce Samuel Joseph Deney was born on May 24, 2001. He joins Nathalie, five and a half, and Julia, three and a half. All three children are doing well.

**Lynne Durland** and her three kids love life in New Hampshire. "Don't be shy; send me email durland62@lycos.com."

1981

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As I look back over my correspondences, I note that the last letter I sent out to the class of '81 was dated September 10.

While I have been in contact with many classmates, there are many more I have not heard from. I am so hopeful that no one was directly affected by the horrible events of September 11. I am sure that each of us will be forever changed by the cowardly acts we witnessed. Our world is so markedly different then it was. We have tried in our own family to "resume our normal life," but plans definitely did change. We cancelled a family trip to Italy we had scheduled for mid-September. And though we have sheltered Abby from images of the tragedy, she is now terrified of flying. So, like many families, we find ourselves staying close to home and trying not to be too consumed by the news around us.

The wonderful celebration of our Reunion feels far away now. But the ties that brought us all together remain so strong. GDA continues to thrive. I am honored to be volunteering on a committee which is coordinating events throughout this year designed to honor and celebrate 30 years of coeducation at the Academy. The progress, which has been made for young women on campus since our tenure, is incredibly exciting. I am certain that alumna will be very impressed with the calendar of events for the year- I am thrilled!

I have received news from a few classmates that I'd like to pass on to you.

**Keller Laros** sent word from Kona, "Hi. Our son Russell started kindergarten this fall. He is also playing soccer, which is really funny to watch. Daughter Janelle is two now and talking up a storm. My wife Wendy and I had a really great trip to Paris, with a seven-day trip down the Seine where we visited Normandy, Mount St. Michael and Omaha Beach. God Bless you all and God bless America."

**Stephen Oldfield's** wife, Kerry sent a lovely note and some adorable dolphin treasures for Abby, (not easy things to find

in the U.K.!)." "We are all so sorry for the terrible attacks and are thinking and praying for all Americans, especially those who knew or were related to people who were tragically murdered. We all so enjoyed our holiday to the U.S.A. just a few months ago. Steve especially enjoyed catching up with old friends and hopes some of you will come to see us in the years to come."

From San Francisco, **Antea von Henneberg** writes, "Happy to be alive in S.F! Have all my hair... a husband... and a great 11 month old, Ford. Loved Reunion- can't wait for the 40th!"

**Clarissa Dane** wanted to pass on the following, "My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone. The coming together of not just New York City, but the world at large, is pure love. Greg and I will marry next year after we move to Florida in December and then build our house on the water. We welcome visitors!! A nice quiet life with loved ones."

Sounds good. Stay in touch everyone. God bless.

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## 20th Class Reunion June 14, 15, 16 2002

For starters, let's check in with our classmates in N.Y.C.- **Paula Veale** emailed, "I think the only news I have to report is that I (and my family) are safe after the tragic events of September 11. It was a terrible, terrible day here in New York and in the entire country.

We have returned to work and are trying to resume our lives, but they will be



forever changed. Thanks for the kind words from **Will Friend**, who contacted me immediately."

**Marc Rasbury** first sent me an email in July. "I'm still working at Verizon as a design engineer. I have been working as a free lance sports and entertainment photojournalist. I cover the NY Mets, Knicks and Jets for some local publications here in the city. I hope all you New Englanders are not getting your hopes up because the Red Sox are playing well this summer - it's the fall you guys have to worry about! I have been traveling a lot recently. I spent some time in Africa and Brazil over the last two years and I'm planning to visit the Far East next year. I saw Mr. Moonves at the N.Y.C. phone-a-thon. Have you spoken to **Heather Vickers**, **Bobby Low** and **John Leary**? If you have their emails or telephone numbers, please send them to me when you get a chance. My home email is [mrasmusby@juno.com](mailto:mrasmusby@juno.com) and my work email is [marc.rasbury@verizon.com](mailto:marc.rasbury@verizon.com).

On September 12, one of the first things I did was to check the websites for the Ad Council (where Paula works) and Verizon (where Raz works) and it seemed as though there were no employees missing or injured. About a month later, I decided to check in with Raz directly, just to be sure. This is his reply email from October 10, 2001, "I'm fine! Unfortunately, I did lose three good friends as a result of this disaster. And I am directly impacted by the restoration project. Remember, I'm an engineer for Verizon and my district surrounds the WTC complex. Therefore, most of my facilities are buried under tons of debris. I have been at ground zero since day one. You cannot imagine the extent of the damage. I have some pictures from the top of a neighboring building that overlooks the entire complex in addition to some pictures from inside adjacent buildings. Give my best to our classmates."

Other News: EMAIL DIRECTORY- I have been working on this for a couple of months. Every time I think I have all the email addresses updated, I

send out the directory and get back a few "user not found." messages. But, I am optimistic that I will have a complete and correct email directory soon, particularly after this *Archon* is published. If you have not received an email from me in the last six months, then please send me an email ASAP so I can add you to the directory and forward a copy of the directory to you!

While we are on that subject, **Bill Dee** and **Jonathan Wade**- I tried to send the email directory to each of you, but got this reply back, "message returned to you for the following reason: not listed in public name and address book." So, both of you please add me to your address book as an acceptable source of email!

The other message in the recent email and in the letter sent to solicit classmates is our REUNION- #20! It's June 15th weekend, 2002. Here are the rest of the notes.

**Paula Veale** will be at reunion, hopes everyone attends, thinks we should all stay in the dorms and agrees that **Bill Dee** and or **John Leary** should host a Friday night gathering since they both live in Newburyport now. Paula has also volunteered to help plan the reunion festivities.

**Ann (Rooney) McShea**; will also be at the reunion, hopes to see everyone from our class, she thinks we should stay in the dorms, agrees that Bill Dee or John Leary should host a gathering since they live in Newburyport and writes, "Hope all is well!"

**Trina Chiara** writes, "Hi! I will definitely be at our reunion and would love to see everyone. I do wonder about some of my old friends-Sally Degan, Karen Matzner, Erica Norton, Jenny Hayes, etc, etc, etc. We LOVE being parents of our six-month old, Isabella, who will be



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with us in JUNE!" (Isabella was born in March 2001).

**Ted Larned** writes, "Thanks for the email list. It is great to know how to reach everyone (almost everyone). My wife Terry and I are looking forward to the birth of our first child around December 10. We have been busy painting and decorating the baby's room. We enjoyed our first summer living within a block of Lake Michigan. It is not the ocean, but the weather has been great, the beach is sandy and the water is warm and salt-free. I understand that winter brings more snow than we had in Grand Rapids, though, so I expect to spend my winter shoveling snow and changing diapers. My hope is that everyone is safe after the terrible events in N.Y.C. and Washington. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in June. Terry and I will definitely be there."

**John Nye** writes, "Here's my deal- We had baby number three on March 1. The last. Her name is Avery Ashwell Nye and will join us for the reunion. How can it possibly be the 20th? I am still a Senior Vice President and Director of American Furniture at Sotheby's. We live in South Orange, NJ. All is well. I want to see everyone at the reunion. By the way, where's **Dave Schwartz** these days?"

**Bill Hutchinson** sent this email. "I am at CapitalOne and things are just a bit hectic. Lot of growth and a lot of activity. I wish we would stop asking what's in



everyone's wallets because I know—CAP-ITALONE! My wife (eight years), daughter Emily (six) and son Joe (four) are happily living in Richmond. Heb Evans would laugh to know that I am coaching soccer (yeah, it's my four year old son's team, but I am still coaching!) We are contemplating the June 14 weekend but nothing definite at this point. Best wishes to everybody."

**Sloan Tyler McCauley** writes, "My new email address is cubsthree@earthlink.net. Hope all is well. We have moved to Washington, DC area and are still moving in and unpacking boxes. This is a big change from Alaska!!"

**Claire Dober Danahe** writes, "We moved to Sewanee, TN last August because Bill got a job as assistant professor of Theology and Ethics at the University of the South's School of Theology, an Episcopal seminary. I have been working since November 2000 in the University's Treasurer's Office with the endowment, which has been interesting and useful. My recent claim to fame was that my letter to the editor of the New York Times was published, June 9, 2001. The topic—plans to republish C.S. Lewis' "The Chronicles of Narnia" without the Christian allegories. I consider myself an "expert" on Lewis' writings, having done an independent study on his theological writings during my senior year, under the supervision of Charlotte Cleghorn. I'm sure others have claimed expertise on far less! Three and a half-year old Phoebe continues to be a treat and shows her father's interest in life's more difficult questions. Last night's going to bed conversation included the following pearl— "why does Sneezy [the dwarf] sneeze?" I love reading the *Archon* news and following not only the class of 82's very impressive reproductive powers but also Bob Low's coaching accomplishments. P.S.— I wonder if we (and I am not volunteering, here) would get a class web-

site set up, where we could post news and pictures?" Great idea, Claire, but I am definitely not the person to talk to about computer stuff. Any volunteers out there???

**Jeanne (Bateman) Caporian** writes, "Hi everyone. Just a quick note to let you know that we have moved into an apartment in North Carolina and are awaiting the construction of our new house. Keep in touch! Cheers, Jeanne."

**John Parker** writes, "First off, thanks so much for always including me in the "class notes." I didn't graduate from GDA but all my classmates have always made me feel like I did. Second, I moved again and mysteriously (for I did not inform the school that I had moved) I received your most recent correspondence with my new address! Not one of those yellow forwarding stickers the Post Office uses. Very unusual. Maybe we should get the GDA Development Office to take a quick look for this Osama Bin Laden maniac, because the multi-billion dollar funded intelligence agencies are coming up with bupkus. My deepest sympathies to anyone who lost friends or loved ones in that most horrible of disasters.

On to updates. I am still in Greensboro, NC. I celebrated ten years of marriage last April and have two of the most beautiful daughters God ever created. Suzanne and I thank the heavens above daily for our beloved Cameron (four) and Tess (two in January). I work for Kinkos (yes, that Kinkos) in the Distribution Division. Which is a fancy way of saying that I am the warehouse supervisor. I also have my own small business, doing lawn maintenance, landscaping, fence and deck building and just about anything else anyone is willing to pay me for (kind of like a lawyer-ha!). So life here is busy with two jobs, but it allows Mom to stay home with the girls. My wife has never been to New England (I know, I

would never have married her if I had known) and we may (finances allowing) take a trip to the greater Byfield area around reunion time. It would be a hoot to see all the old faces and the new receding hairlines (mine included). Take care, all."

**Nancy Wickwire** writes, "A brother in law worked on the 38th floor of the WTC on Sept 11, but thankfully his office began evacuating as soon as the first plane hit, so he escaped, unharmed. What a nightmare.

On the home front, I am finishing up my third year as Deputy Clerk of Court at the Superior Court in Manchester, NH. What does that mean? My job is basically the air traffic controller of the courthouse. It's fun. And I always get to leave by 4:30 p.m. Kids are good. Eddie (six) has started first grade and liking it. Layla (three) is a little psychopath, but we love her anyway. My husband says she takes after me. Go figure. Our newest addition to the family is a 16-month-old Hungarian Vizsla. (That's a dog. Not a foreign car). His name is "Vinnie." He was spoiled rotten by his previous owner and thinks that he should really be sleeping in our bed, under the covers. We think otherwise and spent \$70 on an L.L.Bean dog bed to help him cope with the fact that three is a crowd, particularly when number three has a cold, wet, slimy nose and some halitosis issues. On the plus side, he loves the kids, they love him and he's a sweetheart.... REUNION: I say let's all go and stay in the dorms. We need some locals to help with the reunion planning so please email or call me and say you can help. I have elected myself cheerleader in order to get as many of you as I possibly can to commit to this very fun weekend in June. I am going to bring photo albums. And maybe even . . . my 20-year-old diary."

**Gus Henley-Cheshire** writes, "Hi, my news is short and sweet! I am living at



GDA with my two gorgeous girls. Savannah Cheshire is ten years old and Ashleigh Cheshire was seven months in October. They will be both walking by Reunion time!"

1983

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Hello Everyone. I am pleased to report that some of our classmates took a few minutes to email or send in their cards to me. I greatly appreciate their quick response and hope that this will inspire the rest of you to do the same for the next issue. Before I report the news, I would like to mention that the events of



1983 women's tennis team

September 11, 2001 would be etched in our minds forever. It is an unimaginable act of cruelty that took place with the lives of so many innocent people killed so unfairly. However, we as American will stand united, strong and proud and we will get through this war together. God bless America.

**Wendy Stetson** reports life is good in Vermont. Her farm is doing well she and her husband grows all sorts of organic vegetables. The demand is great and they need to stay small for the quality. She has two children—Timmy is four and Zea is two. Once in a while she bumps into **Alex Cawley** at the Children's Museum.

**Karen Gronberg Schulte** reports she and her husband John are living in Roslindale, MA. She has two stepdaughters—Alexa who is ten and Rachael who is nine. She is still a nurse and has been with

Dana Farber Cancer Institute for ten years. She currently is a nurse manager of one of the ambulatory clinic areas where patients with diseases of Leukemia, Lymphoma, Multiple Melanomas as well as a bone marrow transplant program are treated. She has also started a masters program at Boston College this fall.

**Jim Rose** lives in Great Falls, VA with his wife and an expected child to be (see the next issues for details). Jim works at Vital Spring Technologies ([www.vital-spring.com](http://www.vital-spring.com)) and enjoys the travails of the new venture world. Jim's wife Laura is a pediatric nurse practitioner in Fairfax. Anybody and everybody shoot an email at [jlrose13@msn.com](mailto:jlrose13@msn.com).

**Kevin Cryts** has two children, Collan is six and Abby is four. He and his wife Jennifer have been married nine and one-half years and marriage is great. After getting hired by the Reading Police in 1986 and laid off in 1990 he transferred to the MBTA Police Department in 1990, where he is currently

employed. His wife works at Winchester Hospital. He is making a career change and relocating his family to Williamsburg, VA this month. He is going to be in charge of the special investigations unit (SIU) of the United States Insurance Commission the Mid-Atlantic Region. His unit investigates stolen car rings and worker's compensation fraud. His new address is 4028 Windsor Ridge, Williamsburg, VA 23188. He has not seen anyone from our class in years although he did converse via email with **Daniel Schwartz**, **Fred Hare** (Fred lives on the Cape with **Jamie Aimone**), **Drew Hoffman** and **Steve Nicholson**.

**John Sylvain** reports that he had his first son, Robert Yogi Wenk Sylvain. "We will call him Yogi which of course reminds me of Boo Boo." The second theatre I started, the Sacred Fools Theatre, is still

going strong.

**Letty Baum Kerai** is the mother of a four and a half-year old boy who constantly keeps her on her toes. Sher reports, "I am also a pre-school teacher in Swampscott. My husband and I have been married for six years. I love running into people from GDA. It is fun to catch up."

**Danielle Schwartz** says writes, "Jacob is at home with her two children Drew (six) and Billie (three). We live in Marblehead, MA. My husband works for Smith Barney in Peabody. I occasionally see some class of '83 alums. Letty teaches at my daughter's pre-school and Jon Gibbs son went to summer camp with Billie. We would love to hear what everyone else is up to."

**Aaron Halpern** is now living outside of Washington, DC with his wife of six years, Wendy, and son Tycho, 15 months. He is working at Celera Genomics on assembling sequence of human genome—stressful but exciting. That plus parenting leaves time for little else. He sends his best to all.

**David Dow** saw **Rusty Stahl** at the Border's Bookstore in Methuen. Not much else to report except what is on everyone's mind at present, "WTC."

**Mary Gail Adams-Fessedon** reports she and Mike are still living in Rye in the house they built a few years ago. Bradford and Ian are four and two. "Needless to say I am busy, busy, busy. My nursing career is on hold for a while, until the boys are much older, they are my full time job now".

**Becca Lapham Calandra** lives in Haverhill with her husband Chris. She is a busy "stay at home mom" with three girls, Caisi, Lilly and Christina. I speak with her often—Fred, just wandering, what happened to your email?"

**John Stahl** writes. "I was living in Arlington, VA when LexisNexis hired me as a home-based legal editor last October and I had an opportunity to move into my grandmother's empty home, which I have since inherited, on the north shore. Consequently, Winston my cat and I



## class notes

moved up here last December. My number is 978-556-9872 and calls from local classmates are always welcome. Much of the last year has been spent updating the house's 50-year-old technology and décor and readapting to New England life. I am also beginning the process of looking for a new home and would appreciate any help with breaking into the underground real estate market. My ideal home would be a cottage or carriage house in either Newburyport or Ipswich."

As for me, I stay busy with my kids and am getting ready for Halloween. Austin is going to be a vampire and Emily will be a princess with wings. It was great to hear from people and I wish everyone the best in the months to come.

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Hi Class of '85. I am sorry I do not have more to add to the *Archon*. I just

moved and all of the *Archon* notes that were sent in the mail are packed in boxes. I'm sure I will have them out for the next issue. I hope everyone is safe and doing well in light of the current events.

**William Enderby** writes, "Many many years and no contact!!! Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathies to all U.S. citizens after the utterly tragic and horrific events of last week in New York. I watched along with the rest of Britain, the events unfolding in a state of total disbelief and absolute shock. It was brought home to me when it was discovered a work colleague of mine was attending a conference on the 106th Floor of the North Tower and is currently listed as missing. I hope that no one from GDA was caught up in this awful tragedy.

On a more happy note I would like to tell you that my wife, Emma and I had a baby boy last summer - Alexander, who is now 14 months old and has been walking for a couple of months and is a total handful but really rewarding.

I now work for a software company based in the UK but with a global presence. I get to travel extensively and was in Atlanta in January but was not aware of any ex-classmates being in that city.

Any news of our classmates? Do you ever hear from **Beth Bertelsen**? What is **Ben Armstrong** up to now? I hope people will keep in touch!!!"

**Mark A. Ginsberg** writes, "I guess I'm what you could call a "first-

time caller, long-time listener." I've been working at Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant for about twelve years and I just finished

my first year in the capacity of Assistant Chief of Security. My kids Connor and Hannah are doing great in fourth and first grades respectively. What else can I say?"

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We have a new addition in our family. Isabelle Claudia Dupre was born on September 12, 2001 joining her sister



Members of the Class of 1986 from the Milestone

Madeleine, now three. We recently moved to a new house in Wellesley, MA.

I would like to resign from being the class secretary. I have been doing it for a long time and with two kids and a full time job I really think that it is time for someone else to take on this role.

**Anne Pollock** writes, "My husband John, daughter Megan and I moved to Riverside, CT in July. Life in the suburbs is quite different than N.Y.C., but we are enjoying the change. We are also expecting our second child in May 2002."

**Christian Leclerc** has a new address: 12 Pine Grove Blvd., Russell, PA 16345, (814) 757-9594.

**Carey Quinn-Girolami** writes, "Hello from North Carolina! My husband Rob and I are very busy with our day-to-



day lives, raising our 17-month-old daughter Katie and visiting family.

Since the recent national tragedy we are focusing on the blessing that we have and feel proud to be an American.

**Melissa (Dyer) McLallen** writes: My husband and our two boys had a great summer and ended it with two weeks in Ocean City, NJ. The kids are getting bigger and are finally back in school. I am still working at CVS as a pharmacist and still love it!"

**Hedi Dur Charde** writes, "Aidan Geogfrey Charde, born December 16, 2000 joins brother Nicholas, now three! Please note that my husband Matthew, the boys and I have recently moved. My new address is: 22 Barnstable Road, Wellesley, MA 02481."

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**Jeff Ashworth** reports, "Married Sarah Griffin (Middlesex '85) September 10, 2000 in Maine. Honeymooned in Italy. Expecting first child in September! Bought a house in Andover in September and car in February. Other than that, nothing new. With spring training around the corner, going to Florida to see that "offensive juggernaut" the Red Sox! That's all!"

1988

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**Reginald Edmonds** writes, "Gloucester is gorgeous, but time to move on. Looking forward to visiting classmates as I journey across the states. Been conducting trainings/workshops as well as

teaching yoga. Had a great time teaching the new life skills class with Tim Weir, last year at GDA. Email is [rwwe@hotmail.com](mailto:rwwe@hotmail.com)."

**Andy Noel** says, "Hello from Wallingford, CT and the campus of Choate Rosemary Hall. The Noel family is alive and well. My wife Kate and I just recently welcomed our newest addition, Andrew IV into our family. We are now complete! Lucy (two), Andrew IV (six months) and Tucker (Chocolate Labrador-three!)."

Apparently, if I know any information about your life without getting a card, I am unable to bring myself to include it in our notes! I hope that you take this as a credit to how I feel about you all since you should know what I am thinking!

I would like to give **Paul Bucci** the floor, since I forgot to put his information in our last set of class notes. He wrote LAST JANUARY ...My wife Kim and I have two boys now. Brett will be two in April and Craig just arrived this past August (he is now one, sorry Paul). We have all adjusted pretty well with our new addition. My wife and I built a new house in Cranston, RI last year. It was nice to finally move in and get settled. I used to work for Bank Boston but when Fleet bought them, I was picked up by Sovereign Bank New England. I am still in the Consumer Finance area. I am going back to school in a few weeks to Rhode Island College to get my teaching certificate in History/Social Studies. It is something I always wanted to do and it seemed like the right time to do it. It may take one to two years but it will be worth it. I am really looking forward to it. Not much else is going on. The kids keep me pretty busy. I saw **Ted Smith** over the holidays. He was in the area during Christmas and New Years so he spent the holidays with my family. He is doing really well. He is finishing up his Masters at Clarkson in Computer Information Systems. He finished his MBA there last year and decided to go for his second masters.

I would like also to tell you that I



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have heard from some of our GDA New York contingent. As far as I know all of our class is okay.

**Brian Fleming**, who in his notes couldn't remember some names so I have filled in the blanks, writes about himself and New York..."It's been an emotional time here in New York, as everywhere, I'm sure. I dearly hope everyone is well and safe following the tragic events of September 11. I've been living in Manhattan for the last couple of years now, about a mile from where the WTC used to stand and was walking to the corner deli when the second plane hit. It's a sight and a feeling I'll never forget, like a sudden blow to the gut from out of nowhere. I am lucky; everyone I know is safe, but my heart breaks at the thought of all those who were lost. Yet, through all the sorrow and sadness, I'm proud of my city for its resilience and its spirit in the face of this disaster. Since moving here I've actually run into several people from GDA, including **Anne Cole** and **John Sullivan**. Like John, I've started my own film production company and am directing my first film next month. I've also published a collection of short stories and have a novel forthcoming next year. I'd love to hear from those of you in the New York area and can be reached at [bflaming@flemingfilms.com](mailto:bflaming@flemingfilms.com)."

I am also happy to report that **Dan Morison** left New York a year or so ago and was actually getting married in France during the tragedy. I was glad to see him again in Boston when he got back. He



married Albina de Montmort in Segre, France on September 8. I saw some pictures and Dan looked particularly dapper in his top hat!!!! The wedding looked beautiful and fun. Dan and his wife are now settling stateside in their new home. Dan also gave some info on our classmates that he sees regularly..."Oh yeah, I saw **Nate Broehl** recently, (graduated after us) He looked great. Big gut, smokin' butts, etc. (sorry bud, but it's true) but I guess he played in the Alumni lax game and kicked some butt against the youngsters. Go Nate. It was great to see you. Ok. I see that **Bill Osgood** and **Dave Walor** are listed as lost so let me update those guys. Walor just got engaged, lives in Revere. I'm able to see him once in a while over at **Dave Hanlon's** place. Osgood lives in New Hampshire with his wife and I see him about once every two weeks. He trains bird dogs and shoots things in New Hampshire. Sometimes I join him... Anyway, hope all is well with everyone and this email thing is much better than the little postcards. Hi Deana. Later." I had to include all of his notes, since he writes just like he talks and you can all imagine him saying everything he wrote. By the way, I edited out Dave Walor and **Bill Osgood's** phone numbers but if you want them they are posted on the GDA website in Dan's notes.

The gift that keeps on giving..., **Chris D'Orio**, Mr. Communicator, has updated us again. How lucky are we!?!?! In his OWN HANDWRITING he says, "Dana, Alec and I are doing well. Alec is getting bigger by the minute and he continues to be a ton of fun... Take Care." He enclosed a picture of Alec, who is a cute version of his father through and through. No hockey stick in his hand, at least in the picture I saw. Mr. P. will be disappointed that you are not brainwashing him at an early age! In keeping with our baby theme...

**Meganne Murphy Fabrega** sent a note to tell us about her new baby girl. "Alfonso and I had a baby girl on October 2, Maxine Mitchell Fabrega. We're all fine and still in Portsmouth, NH."

**JB Burgess** is doing quite well at keeping in touch these days too. He updates us..."I recently accepted a new position at Fidelity Investments as VP of Customer Marketing. My wife and I also moved into our new home in Franklin, MA about six months ago. We recently attended Jim Sullivan's wedding in Newton, MA." Okay Jim, table is now set for your new info!!

Christina Dalessio is also doing well. She is in Maine these days..."I am living in Portland, ME and working as a writer. Recently had a visit from Anne Cole who is doing great. Hope to hear from any '88's who are coming up North to ski this winter." Christina, I had to laugh, as your penmanship is as crazy as ever. Some things never change!

**Erin Saunders Braunstei** also is doing well. She writes, "At work, I've been promoted to Senior Associate at Baker Rinker Seacat Architecture in Denver, CO. Current projects include a 142,000 square foot county office building under construction and a recreation center outside of Detroit, MI. At home, our son Nate will turn two in November and we are expecting our second boy in January! Give me a call if you are in the Denver area. Adam and I are in the book!"

**Mark Juba** and his wife are hanging in there as of late. He has included information on their latest adventures..."It's been a pretty busy 2001 for my wife Stacy and me. We just bought a house in Blackstone, MA, right on the border of Rhode Island, close to both of our jobs. Buying a house was not easy. It took us seven months of looking, but it was worth the wait. We bid on two existing houses

and one house to be built and didn't get any of them. On the one not built, we actually bid more than they were asking and still didn't get it. That was discouraging - not getting a property, which was literally only a hole in the ground - but finally it happened. The house we got we actually saw about six months into our looking process. We wanted to bid on it, but our lazy (really crooked, but that's a really long story) real estate agent never told that to the seller's agent and it was sold out from under us. A month later, we saw it appear back on the market, at a higher price but still in our range. With a new real estate agent, we got the house. We moved at the end of August and are happy there. **Jon Morisseau**, who's always there for me, helped us on moving day, which like all moving days, was a nightmare. So, thanks Jon. Before the move, our big trip this summer was to L.A. We went to both Disney Parks, Knott's Berry Farm and the Reagan and Nixon Libraries. We also went to the "Price is Right," and the lady sitting next to me won a car. Unfortunately, it wasn't Stacy on my right, it was the total stranger on my left. Oh well, you do see me in the episode (it aired Oct. 8) and I'm still trying to get on 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.' One other big highlight from the L.A. trip was seeing **Kursten Burns**. We saw him and his wife, Meileh, at Downtown Disney and we had a great dinner. Kurt paid, so I'm publicly thanking him here, even though it was embarrassing to let a Lakers fan pay for my meal. But like I told Kurt, there is nothing more embarrassing than being a Celtics fan right now. (You could be a Patriots fan!) Hope everyone is well. Reunion is not too far away."

Kursten and John Khantzian have also been in touch with me and each other. Kursten "married the love of his life" and they are now proud parents of some pets! John and Kursten work in the



same field and may have the chance to see each other on business travel."

I will conclude by saying that I may see **Annie Weitzman Kandel** and her two children Abby and Matt, if we can get it together. My fault thus far! It is October 29 as I write you, with the Nutcracker playing in the background and three "princesses" dancing in the family room. With the technological advances of today, Burl Ives as the Snowman in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer can be played all year round. I must set some limits, like a November 1 play date, but the Nutcracker is classical music right???? For those of you who know I LOVE THE HOLIDAYS!! I now have three little "holiday fanatics" and Rick has accused me of brainwashing- a privilege of a stay at home Mom. I had a great time seeing **Kara McLoy**, her husband Jason and baby Jake McLoy, born in June of this year. Not a stitch of Kara in him, even though he looks just like Jas he is still very cute and a great baby. While at lunch, Kara and I wanted to put out the call for info on **Julie Miller**, either from Julie herself, preferred, or from a class snitch, reward available. While in Boston, Kara and I walked to the financial district and saw **Jason** and **Dan**. It was so strange to be "all grown up" now, but it also felt really good to be among close friends. You spend so much of your youth wanting to be "grown up" and now that we are here I would take one week back at GDA in a minute. With all that has happened in our country this fall, I yearn for the innocence of our teenage years. Now we will have to fight together for our children's innocence. I can't think of better people to stand beside in our new purpose. Happy Holidays to everyone. I think of you all often. Deana

1989

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Greetings Class of '89. It is with great pleasure that I assume the duties of class secretary from **Kristin Brown**.



Kara '89 and Jason '88 McLoy's son Jake.

Kristin accepted the job of class secretary several years ago when she returned to GDA to work in the admissions office. On behalf of our classmates, thank you Kristin for keeping us all up-to-date and informed about everything that has happened in our lives these past few years. You did an outstanding job!

Let's begin with Kristin. One of the reasons she stepped down from her role as class secretary was because she has embarked on a teaching career overseas. Did I mention that she recently married her longtime boyfriend, Aaron Hirsch? Aaron also worked at GDA as the Associate Dean of Students and taught History.

**Ashley Newbert** reports that she had the privilege of being in Kristin's wedding and that Kristin was a beautiful bride. Ashley lives in Newport, RI, where she works for Fidelity Investments.

**Joy Fosdick Chuba** sends her congratulations to Kristin on her marriage. Joy and her husband recently bought a house in Orlando and welcome anyone that needs a break from the winter in New England.

Thanks to **Edward "Ted" Sweeney** for giving us an update. "After graduating from Bradford College with Bachelors degrees in history and biology, I married

my college sweetheart, Nicole Phaneuf." Ted and Nicole live in Lowell and he works in Cambridge as a purchasing agent for Etex Corporation."

**Jessica Cowles Pidgeon** and her family have recently moved to Washington, DC, albeit temporarily. Her husband accepted a job in the Foreign Service, a branch of the U.S. State Department. While in D.C. for the next eight months, Jessica and her husband will be learning the language of the country to which they will be sent to live. Prior to leaving for Washington, they had not received notification as to where that location will be. Jessica's two sons, Will and Matt, are now 21 months and four months old and Mom reports they are both excited about the big adventure that lies ahead.

If you're in and around Newburyport anytime soon, stop by and say hello to **Dan Nadeau** and his wife Nicole. They recently bought a townhouse on Merrimac Street and Dan reports that **Matt Downing** did a great job arranging the financing. The Nadeau's first dinner guests were **Derek Van Vliet** and his wife Meghan, who also live in Newburyport. Dan, Matt and **Rob Wattie** recently traveled to South Carolina for the wedding of Rob's brother Craig. The group stayed



with **Chuck Kahn** and his wife Jen at their beach house. Dan also added that he had the opportunity to see **M.J. Forrest** and his family recently at a get together at M.J.'s parent's house. M.J. is currently serving our country as a Captain in the Marine Corps. He is stationed at Woodbie Island in Washington State. Please say a prayer for M.J. and his family should he be deployed overseas to fight our nation's battle.

That's all for now. Keep in touch!

1990

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Hello Class of 1990. It was great to hear from some of our classmates for this issue. Here is the news.

**Grayson Cunningham Coale** is now the mother of a seven-month-old boy named Charlie. She is living in Connecticut and finishing up her masters in education. She stays in touch with **Alison Magee '89**, **Kathryn DiNanno**, **Kerry Campbell** and **Carrie O'Keefe '89**. They were all together for Kerry's recent wedding in August. It seems to be in the air—Alison is getting married in January 2002, while, Carrie and Kathryn are each separately engaged with plans to get married in the summer of 2002.

**Margo Doyle** got engaged at the end of May to Sunil Dhaliwal. They met at Georgetown and have been together for years. Margo was busy this summer, despite a slowing economy. She spends a few days a week working with one of her venture capital portfolio companies in New Hampshire; this has allowed her to see Shannon Davenport frequently and occasionally crash on Shannon's couch when she was too tired to make the commute back to Cambridge. On that note, I read a very nice newspaper article about Shannon's new teaching and coaching endeavors at the public high school in

Hampton, NH, so watch out for that team! Margo also reports that **Kevin O'Handley** (and Jen O'Handley) went off to Wharton Business School this fall. Margo expressed her "thoughts and prayers to anyone in the GDA community who may have suffered a personal loss in the tragedies on September 11. With the support and love of our friends and family, we will get through these difficult times."

**Jeffery Leggette** was recently married to Lisa Thomas (they dated for nine years before marriage!); on their honeymoon, they took a trip to sunny Aruba. He lives in L.A. and is the Sales Manager at Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water, which is part of the Perrier Group of America. Jeff notes that he and his wife plan to start a family in the coming years. Also he stays in touch with **Donald Conley**, **Bob Foster '89**, **Ike Suggs '78** and **Kimani Jones '92** who are all well.

**Jocelyn Malik** reports a new address: 5433 Elmer Street, #2, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. She is in her first year of graduate school in Arts Management at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She is glad to be closer to her family in that area.

**David Smith** is teaching English at the Landon School for Boys in Bethesda, MD. He sees **Chad Harlow** and **Billy Batchelder '91** "every now and again." **Brian Rodgers** is the Head Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Hobart. Dave expressed his hope that we didn't lose anyone from the GDA community on September 11.

Obviously, September 11 was a horrific event for the whole country and life in Manhattan continues to be a daily challenge. Lori and I hope that all of your families are well during this difficult time.

1991

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Well, from what I heard our class once again was quite memorable with its presence at Reunion this spring. I am very sad that I was unable to make it but now living on the "left" coast, Byfield was just too far away. San Francisco is treating me well and I am very lucky to have some great GDA friends here with me. I spent most of the summer with Catherine Batchelder huddling on the beach cursing the fog and watching **Billy Batchelder** and **Bence Oliver** brave the waves surfing along the California coast. Bence has since deserted us returning back to the East Coast and the comforts of Beantown. While we miss him, we wish him all the best in his next endeavors and are expecting him back for at least one ski weekend in Tahoe. (you promised!)

**Karen Queen** came out to visit at the end of the summer where she proved her karaoke prowess with a smashing duet with Mr. Oliver. Karen continues to excel in the world of Law at Foley Hoag in Boston.

Also retreating further East is **Dave Corbett** who has left L.A. and returned to Chicago where he is attending Kellogg business school. He is living downtown with his wife Sarah and I think speaks for all of us hoping that friends, family and loved ones of our classmates were safe from the attacks on September 11.

**Matt Murphy** has moved up to New Hampshire, where he is working with a software firm doing M & A and investments. He is living in Portsmouth and still sees much of the old gang.

Congratulations are in order for **Stratton Newbert** and his new fiancée Eunice. Matt, Bence, **Easton Craft** and **Todd Bairstow** are all in the wedding party; the wedding is going to be next August.

**Toby Levine** is still the yoga master



of Boston. Her Boston Yoga continues to flourish and she absolutely loves teaching. Check out her website at [www.bostonyoga.com](http://www.bostonyoga.com) as Toby is not only teaching in Boston, but has been teaching in New York, Chicago and Seattle! Toby recently caught up with **Jen Mack** (Jasse) who is expecting her first baby in December, congratulations Jen and Andy.

Toby also saw **Isolde Sweet** (Karro) at a wedding down south. She is now married and living in Charlotte and continues to work in advertising.

**Regan Jones** is teaching in Littleton as the special education liaison for the eighth grade at the middle school. She is very busy but loves her job. Regan is also very busy planning her upcoming wedding this June, which will be at the GDA chapel.

That's the news I hear...I hope that you will all have a very joyous and peaceful holiday season, take care of yourselves and of course don't be strangers.

# 1992

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## 10th Class Reunion June 14, 15, 16 2002

After the events of September 11, I began racking my brain to remember each classmate who lives in the N.Y.C. area. There are many of you and it is my most sincere hope that you and those close to you, are safe and well. My prayers and thoughts are with you all in the wake of this horrible tragedy.

With only a few months left until our big tenth reunion, there is plenty of news to tell from the class of 1992. Make sure you study this section of Class Notes carefully! It will save you time during Reunion, as you won't have to ask, "So, what are you doing now?" over and over and over...

I'll start things off. This summer I was honored to have such a great group of old friends join me at my wedding in Newton. It was great to have **Jon Kazanjian, Joe Montminy, Erin Elwell Rich, Grace Jeanes, Brooke Whiting, Sally Simpkin, Ilse Abusamra** and **Chuck Rodman** as guests.

On the subject of weddings, **Steve Peabody** was recently married on September 15th in Marblehead, MA where he currently resides. Steve is doing business development for a start-up in Boston called Isovia, a mobile/wireless software company.

**Judy Livingston** Loto was married last summer at the GDA chapel. **Nancy Stevenson** was in the wedding. Prior to her wedding, Judy graduated from the Winterthur Program at the University of Delaware in 1999 and then moved to Connecticut, where she is currently the Curator of Collections for the Litchfield History Museum and the Tapping Reeve House and Law School Museum.

**Deirdre Heersink Brown** was married this past July and is now attending medical school. Deirdre was happy to see **Gus Mergins, Erin Grogan, Nicole Belaire Downer, Anne Rogers, Carin Mclean, Cindy White** and **Steve Scully** at the wedding.

On to births. **Patrick Gervais** writes, "I just bought a house a bit outside of Montreal and my wife should give birth to our first child in December 2000.

I spoke to **Chris Rhodes** and **Todd Spain** this summer and they are both doing fine. Rhodes went back to California and is working in the TV business. Finally all the Canadians are behind the Americans after the tragedy of New York City and can count on our support."

**Nikki Holmes** writes, "I graduated with my masters in social work from the University of Chicago in 1998. I presently am dealing with the struggles of raising a child and working full time in a mental

health hospital." Nikki's daughter, Alycia, is 15 months old and quite active. Nikki is living and working in Memphis and will marry Alycia's father next September. Nikki wants to say hi to the Byfield Pyru.

Here in the northeast, **Grace Jeanes** is now working for the Lowell Lockmonsters, which is the farm team for the Carolina Hurricanes. Grace hopes to be done with graduate school in December. Grace has also recently been appointed Director of Development for the Merrimack Animal Shelter in Lowell.

**Cassie Wickes** is still enjoying the boarding school routine and is now the Director of Residential Life at Hun School in Princeton. In May, Cassie went to L.A. and met up with Susie Childs in Santa Barbara.

All is going very well for **Justin Philbrick** up in Freemont. This fall, Justin's assisted living business started construction on a new addition. In the



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meantime, Justin is hard at work studying for his New Hampshire Residential Living Administrator's License.

**Devin Sullivan** is still living in Charlestown and working in Concord.

**Chris Ruggerio** has seen a lot from Matt Remis who is back living in Boston now. Chris is in Marlborough working with Diebold as an independent contractor selling their product line.

Out in the Midwest, **Sam Nickerson** writes, "I am at The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, going for an MBA in finance and entrepreneurship. Where is Lono? I need my attorney!" Also in Chicago, David Olshansky is a criminal



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defense attorney. He has started his own firm with a partner and is renovating a townhouse in his spare time.

Finally, the west coast report. **Hoyt Morgan** just bought a house in Newport Beach, CA. Hoyt opens his door right onto the beach every morning and has views of Catalina Island and brilliant sunsets every night. This summer, Hoyt and **Nick LaPierre** won a high profile beach volleyball match in Newport Beach. Hoyt also writes, "I am extremely saddened by the N.Y.C. (et all) events and want to send out sympathy and prayers to all those affected directly, indirectly or even just emotionally. I am more confident than ever in American resolve and our ability to bounce back though and hope we all do our part, however small. I thank God that my loved ones are all safe, but have lost some acquaintances and had several very close friends have very close calls. It puts life in perspective and reminds me how special life is, especially little places like GDA and all the amazing people we lived with for four years (students and teachers alike). "Well," said Hoyt. "I look forward to seeing many of those amazing people in June. Take care everybody."

# 1993

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Hello Class of 1993! This was a hard edition to write because of the events of September 11. I will be brief in saying that I appreciate the relief that these entries can bring to those of you worried about your friends and classmates throughout the U.S. and beyond. I hope everyone is well!

**Karen (Filipe) Rees** writes that she is enjoying being a mom and living in Maryland with her husband, Trevor. They have been married for four years and are busy running around after their 18-

month-old son, Lyndon. She even mentioned to me that Angela Ives had been over for dinner in August.

**Katie Mack** says she is still in San Francisco working and going to nursing school. She often sees **Catherine Tuthill '91** and **Billy Batchelder '91** and reports they are doing well. She wanted to let everyone know that her brother **Andy Mac '91** and his wife **Jen Jasse '91** are expecting a baby. She seems very excited and also hopes that everyone else is doing well.

**Cara Marcous** is living and working in New York City. I heard from her after September 11 so I can report that she is safe and sound. She is still acting! Recently, Cara ran into **Anne Savage** outside NYU (where she is in law school).

There are a few others we can mention are in the midst of joining the ranks of lawyers. **Nellie Godfrey** recently started law school at Suffolk Law in Boston. She likes it so far but there is a lot of work to be done. She is living back in the Boston area, near Brookline. Also, **Jim Morse** started law school just three days after finishing his masters while also continuing his career as a police officer.

**Shirani Wickramasinghe** wrote to tell me she is planning to leave the U.S. in January (2002) for a year of travel to places such as Egypt and Nepal, Australia and New Zealand. While in New Zealand she is planning to work on an organic farm. I have not heard since early September whether her plans remain intact. If so, I wish you well, Shiran. Be safe!

**Jorge Ochoa** is back living in Barcelona, Spain. He is currently living alone and trying to work in the music business. He started playing five years ago with a group but is now a solo artist. He had made an attempt at studying publicity but he left after his third year of studies. Unfortunately, he reports that his mother

passed away earlier this year which has changed him forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Jorge.

**Jill Hindle** is back in Vermont for another year teaching English, coaching varsity women's soccer and Nordic skiing. She might try her hand at coaching crew this spring. With all these extracurricular activities, she is having trouble finding time to write but she does have a story coming out in an anthology called *American Nature Writing 2002* edited by John Murray and published by Fulcrum. Finally, she mentioned having the pleasure of being maid of honor at Janna Panall's wedding in September.

Another coach from our class is **Martin LaPerriere**. Lappy is still coaching kids hockey in Canada and liking it a lot. He was planning a visit to see his parents, who are now living in New York, soon after the World Trade Center disaster. He does say his family is fine and hopes everyone else is doing well too.

**Jon Karon** reports that he is in a new office in Manhattan. He wants everyone to know that while living and working in New York has been tough since September 11, he is doing well and hopeful that everyone else is the same.

**Coral Rabey** just celebrated her third wedding anniversary with her husband Steve. She is now working for the Union Bank of California in Risk Services.

Speaking of Risk Services, I am still recruiting for Insurance/Financial Service employment and living in Portsmouth, NH. **Jennifer Saunders** and I recently went to Ann Arbor, MI to visit **Ilse Abusamra**, who is in graduate school at the University of Michigan. Ilse seems to be getting accustomed to being a student again but is also juggling work for the admissions department of the university. I am proud to report that Ilse ran the



Detroit marathon in October and came in fifth in her division. While she broke her personal record she was more excited about qualifying for the Boston Marathon, a long awaited goal. She is hopeful to be back in the area to participate in the event in 2003. Congrats, Ilse!

Ilse mentioned to me that **Kristen** and **Derek Ambrosi** are happily expecting their first child this November. Congratulations!!

**Shawn Markey** seems to like being back in the north east. He is still working at GDA and even ran into Nellie and Ilse at Rosie O'Sheas back in August.

**Saundra Watson** is also in the Boston area. She was moving last we heard from her while also getting excited about participating in her best friend's wedding. She hopes everyone is doing well and is hopeful to have people contact her at: saundraewatson@aol.com.

Have a great winter and I look forward to hearing from you all again soon!

## 1994

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**Kurt Danielson** is teaching Environmental Science and Freshman Science at Storm King School, a small boarding school just north of West Point. He's also helping out with the outdoor education program. He says it's definitely a challenge, but he's enjoying what he's doing.

**Josh Manring** coaches a tennis team that won the high school state tennis championships. He was also named best 3A tennis coach in the state of Florida and then later was named the best overall tennis coach in the state of Florida. He continues to sell real estate and does not

plan on quitting anytime soon.

**Gil Farmer** works at Verizon Wireless in Morristown, NJ for customer service in National Accounts. He lives at 92 Maple Street, Colonial, NJ 07067. His phone is 732-388-5913 and his cell is 908-403-3345.

**Dan Vermeersch** is living in Portsmouth, NH, getting his MBA. He hopes all is well with everyone.

**Kevin Tangney** just got back from a fantastic vacation through Norway, Denmark and Sweden. He is still working as a web developer in Stamford, CT. Hope everyone is doing well in the class of 1994.

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**Edward Guzman** says all is well in Portland and at the Oregonian Newspaper. He will be getting married on August 31 to Jenni Rasmussen, a Portland native who he met and got to know well in his time there.

**Brian Novelline** says, "Greetings! Sorry I missed everyone at Reunion. Unfortunately, it was the same week as my graduation from business school followed by my wedding to the lovely Kristen Osborn. It appears we are settling in the Midwest for the next term. We just bought an apartment and I am heading back to work at a hedge fund downtown. Corbs and his wife-to-be, Sarah, are moving in around the corner, which is excellent. Anyways, let me know if you are in Chicago. (bnovelline2001@kellogg.nwv.edu)"

## 1996

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Well, I just wanted to say that it was great to see everyone at Reunion, the Class of '96 showed their strength in numbers as more than 50 percent of the class returned to the good old GDA campus in Byfield, MA. From a personal level, it was great to jump into a car with **Scotty Coulon**, who I had not seen for a couple of years and run around trying to find an open liquor store, GDA memories.

Well, **Lauren Abernathy** wrote that she was so upset that she missed the Reunion because she completely forgot that a Bowdoin friend was getting married on the same day. She planned on attending the reunion and had already sent her money in when she noticed the dates of the two events coincided. Well, she will just have to wait until the tenth reunion to run into everyone. She enjoyed her summer by spending as much time as possible at the beach. She says that not too much has changed in her life, she is still working at IDC in Framingham, MA and moved to Central Square in Cambridge with a couple of friends from school. She is absolutely loving life out there.

**Aaron Sells** and **Jason Randlett** are living together with **Dan DiPietro**. Aaron added that he is teaching at the Chestnut Hill School and coaching lacrosse at Tufts University.

**Jessica (Stormont) Stevens** is a first time writer to GDA's class notes and just wanted to let everyone know that she married Brian Stevens this summer in Exeter, NH. He graduated along with Jessica from Skidmore College and is very happy in newlywed land. She is working as an assistant production editor at the University Press of New England in Hanover, NH. Her new address in New



Hampshire is as follows: Jessica Stevens, 17 Fairview Avenue, #3, Lebanon, NH 03766.

Well, for all of you who read the *Archon* before reunion and thought it was a little strange that **Mat Perry** was working at Sunday River and dating a California girl, I am sorry to say but I mistakenly thought Mat had sent the card when in actuality it was **Matt Prindiville**. I learned of my folly during the Reunion, which I thought was a funny story. Anyways, Prindi writes us from Temple, ME and he has started taking classes at the University of Maine at Farmington and will be working at Sugarloaf or Sunday River. He wants anyone who is skiing up there this winter to drop him an email at snowridernmp@hotmail.com. He really enjoyed seeing everyone again at Reunion and hopes that people will stay in touch.

"Big hugs to everyone in the Class of '96," from **Jane Livingston** who states, "I don't know about everyone else, but my reunion experience was one I don't think that I'll ever forget! Thank you GDA for some very nice memories." She spent some time recently in Arizona, but now she is back in New Hampshire and loving every minute of it. Again, she writes, "who knows what will happen next! Love all."

We had another new joiner to the Class Notes in **Lauren Carter**. She writes that she graduated from Connecticut College in May of 2001 and now is trying to figure out life in the "real world". She lives in the same town as **Kate Tierney** and they ran into each other at a local bar. Small GDA world.

**Jason Rivera** says that he worked in conjunction with the Massachusetts Zoo Department in their monkey-training program this summer. I would just like to wish you the best of luck with your career! He helped to train capuchin monkeys to be dressed as pirates for a play at all Massachusetts Zoos called 'A Pirate's Life.'

He dressed the monkeys in pirate costumes and trained them to perform tasks to play the part of "Shiver Me Timbers," the lead human pirate's monkey. He said that it was definitely one of the coolest things that he has ever done and he wants to steal one of the monkeys and keep him as his own personal "Shiver Me Timbers!" He sends his love to the entire class and everyone can look him up at xsurfer-boyx@hotmail.com.

**Katie Lyons** writes that she is still working at Welchs (klyons@welchs.com) and has been promoted to a senior marketing coordinator. She recently moved to West Medford and loves it there. She is in the midst of studying for the GMAT and applying to business schools. Other than that, she is keeping busy bartending on the weekends and having a great time. If anyone is in town, give her a call at 978-394-1445. She wanted to thank everyone for a great reunion.

**Maria Fallon** writes that it seems as though not much has been going on. She is now a personal trainer in Natick and is working towards becoming certified in Sports Conditioning. She has been doing a lot of mountain biking throughout New England, tons of rollerblading and skateboarding and is very excited for the snowboarding season.

**Hilary Friend** lives in Chatham, NJ and is teaching first grade in Livingston, NJ. She spent the summer on the Cape and is enjoying the time off from school and hopes that everyone is doing well.

Then, **Chris Coleman** says that he is teaching Environmental Science and Leadership Skills at the Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset, ME. In January, he will start working in their Animal Rehab Laboratory, taking animals to school and teaching large groups. He says that life is good.

**Cat Pear** who contacted me via email says that she has been having a great

time. She is currently working for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors and spent her summer in Annisquam hanging out with a British rock band, five guys called Freefall, who she met one night and ended up spending six weeks in and around her house and **Kelley Porter's** apartment. They had a blast going to see them play in bars in Boston and Gloucester and even brought a couple of them to **Janna's** wedding on September 1. She just wanted to tell Janna that her wedding was beautifully executed and that they all had the best time. She wants details about how the huge white cotton went over with Darren! Cat would like to say "hi" to everyone else!

I was pleasantly surprised to receive an email from **Laura Jimenez**. She was not sure if I remembered her, but fortunately I did so I did not delete her note. She just wants to let her old classmates know something about her since so many years have passed by since she left! She spent her summer relaxing mostly around Barcelona, except for a three-week vacation spent with family and friends in Menorca, a little sunny Spanish Island. She will be visiting Bali this Christmas where she will spend a few days celebrating her parent's 25th anniversary. She is still on vacation since college does not start until October 8 where she is currently studying Interior Design. She hopes that everyone is fine and wants everyone to know that she reads the *Archon* every time she receives it. Moreover, she would like **Abby Coffin** to contact her at ljim@mixmail.com whenever she can. She would love to know about her considering that they lost contact a long time ago.

**Mike Shedosky** is now employed by Hedge Fund.net, the investment company he interned for last summer. His office is now located in N.Y.C., near Rockefeller



Center; special projects, screening accredited investors, reviewing prospectus data and studying for the registered representative license exam are the rigors of the day. He is commuting from his apartment in Westfield, NJ but will probably move in closer to or into N.Y.C. next year. He sends his regards to all and is looking forward to Reunion 2001.

**Raymond Long** says, "I've been staffed in N.Y.C. for the last seven months so looking forward to Reunion. I've been back to GDA a lot this year since my sister started there. Got to see the women's bball team, on which she plays, win New England's and finish undefeated!"

**Josh Novis's** mother writes, "Josh is in his second year at McGill Graduate School. He is in the honors thesis program in the Culture and Values Department of Education. His TA job in Theory of Education has been exciting and challenging. He lives with a lovely young lady – I think a wedding is in the near future!"

Finally, I have been back from Germany since the beginning of August. I got back to Chicago just in time for the cold winter months. I have been having a great time the past couple of months. I hope that everyone had as much fun at the Reunion as I did.

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**5th Class Reunion**  
**June 14, 15, 16 2002**

**Jessie Gannett** writes, "Hello Class of 1997! I have had an exciting spring and

fall. My spring was fantastic; I was awarded Outstanding Woman of New Hampshire, an award given to four women in the state. It was a crowning moment for my family and myself. I did not graduate this spring; I am finishing my three majors. I was elected Student Body Vice President this past spring, a position I had to resign from this fall due to my horrendous schedule. Luckily, I am still able to take part in student government as Senior Class Representative and sit on the assembly. My other great moment was moving into a house I am renting with two friends in Keene. I love having a home to come to at the end of the day. My days now are filled with classes, work, organizations and teaching math to eighth graders 40 minutes outside of Keene two days a week."

**Lin Curtis** writes that she is working in Central London on a visa after graduating from Tufts this past May. When she returns to the states in May, she will be hiking the Appalachian Trail and then in July plans to move to San Francisco with some good friends. Sounds like Lin is a busy lady!

**Rachel Lipman** sends news that she is living in Boston now with three roommates in Brighton and going to Law

Hospital in Boston. She plans to apply for medical school next fall. She spends a lot of time with **Meghan Earle** and **Laura Hirsch**. Meghan is working in N.Y.C. and Laura is teaching English in Madrid. She also writes that she sees **Deke Fyrberg** and **Eric Bornhofft**, both are doing well.

**Mara McManus** reports she is also living in Boston right now. She graduated from UVM in May and moved to Boston with some other UVM grads. She is working in a law firm as an Office Manager. She hopes to see all of you in June.

Let me finish by seconding Mara's sentiments with my hopes to see all of you in June as well. Don't forget our five-year reunion. (eeek) I hope all of you are well and are enjoying your falls whatever you may be doing.

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Hello to the Class of '98! I proudly report that I am enjoying fall semester back in Minnesota after spending last semester studying in Seville, Spain. While there, I had the time of my life, traveled all over Spain, saw some of Portugal, visited a friend in Paris and traversed Morocco. It was very difficult to come back. However, when I did, I lived this past summer on Plum Island and worked again at Harbor Schools.

I'm looking forward to graduating this spring and taking some time off before going to graduate school.

**Annie Legault** reports that she is



Members of the graduating class of 1997

School at Boston College. She hopes all is well.

**Jodi Leverone** writes that she is conducting research at Brigham and Women's



"excellent" in Montreal and that she recently met up with some GDA friends there. Annie reports that Phillip Venturelli was all smiles when he visited in March and that Christina St.-Pierre '99 also visited in August. Annie did ask about Jocie Mueller, saying that she had not heard from her in a while.

**Emily Novis** spent this past summer working in the birth center, but also spent lots of time with Ingrid Nugent. She is now back at the University of New Brunswick in Canada, studying nursing and still playing varsity soccer, with tentative plans to travel in Asia this upcoming summer. Emily ran into **Dave Chapman** in a bar only to find him soon off to Australia. She sees "lots of the **Oretos**," and remarks that Brendon's tree is growing strong. Emily would love to hear from anyone: emilynovis@hotmail.com.



1998 Morse Flag winner Mary Rita Vieira and her sister Rebecca '94

**Shawn Shetty** reports from afar that he has started his second year of medical school in India and has joined a rock band as the drummer and is really enjoying it.

**Jill Welenc** studied abroad in Sydney, Australia last semester, "which was more fabulous and wonderful than [she] could ever describe..." Upon returning in July, Jill lived in Gloucester, MA with a friend from Bates and interned at a

graphic design firm. Jill is now back at Bates for her senior year, working on a full-year studio art thesis and "trying to get ready to jump into the real world." I am glad to hear such good news from you all and hope to hear from more of you in the future.

**Emily Novis** is in the nursing program at the University of New Brunswick and is looking to keep her 3.7 GPA. Her mom writes, "I think she has found her interest in life." Emily is still playing soccer and had a good year, All Conference 2nd All Canadian.

## 1999

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**Caleb Noblitt** is in Australia taking a junior semester abroad. He is majoring in physics and geology at Bates College. He is also playing ice hockey at Bates.

**Todd Bolint** is in between classes at S.C.A.D, visiting **Chuck Diamond** and other friends. He is taking off in the spring to spend time in France and Germany.

Congratulations to **Liz Parmelee** who is graduating from UNH this year with a degree in journalism. She was in England this past summer to study at Cambridge University's Colleges for six weeks.

**Mike Porter** is going to school in Los Angeles at Whittier College. He is enjoying playing lacrosse and the west coast beaches. Mike writes, "surprisingly the team out here is very good, we finished last season ranked 17 in the country." You can email Mike at mporter3315@hotmail.com.

**Megan McShane** had an exciting summer living on the Cape with her

boyfriend. She worked a lot as a waitress and at the Seafood Company. She is now living in Quincy and working and at Emerson College. She says she really misses everyone. You can email Meg at mmcshane9@yahoo.com.

**Sarah Avalon** writes, "everything at Mount Holyoke is wonderful, I'm majoring in sociology and a have minor in biology." She recently heard from **Jim Meniates**, **Greg Moore**, **Paul Morrissey**, **Jesse Garth** and **Jon Spector**.

Someone we've all been waiting to hear from...**Joe Turner**. Joe is currently living in Sri Lanka for the semester studying religion and politics, learning the language and meeting many new people. Joe writes, "Everything here is great and I'm really psyched to be here." He has been in touch with **Seth**, **Pije** and **E.J.** and misses everyone. You can email Joe at jturner2@bowdoin.edu. He has been playing the sax at some bars the past two summers in Boston and will be there again this summer. Joe hopes everyone is having a blast and that everyone finds what they are looking for.

**Sarah Willeman** is back in California at Stanford and loving it. She writes, "school's intense this quarter but in a good way and I'm having tons of fun living with my good friend Lindsay and meeting lots of great new people where we live." Her summer was great; she was on the road competing with her horses until a scary flip-over accident in the show ring, which cut short her competition schedule for a few weeks. Sarah is doing fine, which is good to hear.

Thanks to all of you who wrote. I would love to hear from more of you next time. I am in Boston and having a great time, busy with school at Emerson College. I had an exciting summer and saw some of the girls at my 21st. I hope



you all have a great semester; I can't believe we are already in our junior year. Take care.

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Hi Class of 2000! Meghan and I were so happy to hear from everyone who got in touch with us. It is great to hear how you all are doing. This fall, in addition to the class notes letter that was sent out, we also sent out an email. We don't have everyone's email though, so write to me at ccorreia425@hotmail.com if you would like to be added to the list.

I had a great summer working and relaxing. I am back at Trinity and am planning on majoring in biology. It is a lot of time and work, but the classes are fun and the professors are very involved and interesting. I also volunteer at the high school across the street from Trinity and give extra help to freshman in the math and sciences. I have a beautiful room in the Center Quad of the campus. My roommate is great, a ton of fun and, ironically, she grew up with Diana Burnell, so we reminisce about great Diana stories. Brad Downey has transferred to Trinity this fall, so it is nice to see him around campus. Meghan just went to see one of **Chris Rothwell's** rugby games. He played against Bowdoin and **Shane O'Neil** who is on the Bowdoin team. Meghan is back at Quinnipiac and is planning on majoring in Film and Television.

I received a postcard from **Jamie Gilberg** right before the school year began. She wrote, "Aloha Class of 2000. **Brooke, Emily, Courtney, Meghan** and I are on our way back from a great trip. We stopped over in California for a few days

on our way to Hawaii. We had a great time in California and Hawaii. I hope you all have had a good summer!" I spoke to **Jamie** since she returned to GW and she said she loves D.C. and her new apartment off campus that she is living in with some friends. Also, she is now the social chair for her sorority. Jamie told me that **Chuck Taylor** transferred to George Washington.

**Courtney Marino** wrote, "I am now going to Emerson College in Boston and am loving it! I can't get enough of the city. I've been hanging out with Emily every once in a while. I've seen **Cian O'Neil** a couple of times too." Courtney also said that **Emily Dana** was a tennis coach at the Essex County Club this past summer.

I received a letter from **Yori Senser** a few weeks ago. She transferred to Emerson as well. Yori is planning on a Theatre and Dance Education major. She also mentioned that she spent the summer in Maine teaching the arts to middle school aged kids. She wrote "I loved teaching and having the opportunity to do so much theatre and dance again in a small community setting." Yori has a little house in Allston, MA and just had a house warming party with her roommates. Both **Merrill Lamont** and **Gen Reynolds** attended the party.

**Natalia Averett** wrote, "I've had a lot of reading and writing intensive classes so I'm really busy here at Pomona. I'm also in multicultural hall (I'm treasurer) and there's a lot of work for that and I'm historian for the Pan-African Student Association. **Eddie Young** is a freshman here. He lives upstairs from me so I see him a lot. I also see **Scott Pellitier** and Willow Malick every once in a while. I've been trying to get off campus more and enjoy Southern California. There are a lot of cool places around here; Venice Beach, Old Town Pasadena, Santa Monica and San Diego." Scott sent a post card saying he is playing rugby, surfing an incredible amount and otherwise enjoying great weather out in California.

**Willow Malick** wrote to let us know

that she is now an RA at Scripps. She is having a great time and has a tan! I am so impressed with your tan Willow and jealous of all the fun-in-the-sun Californians! The leaves are changing and the days are definitely getting quite cold now here in Connecticut.

**CJ Maggio** wrote, "I'm in Colorado right now. It has been a hard summer, but I've been trying to get back to the way I was. I hope everyone is having fun and is safe." For those of you who don't know, CJ got into a car accident this past year. We all are sending our best to CJ and hope he gets better soon.

**Zenovia Wright** wrote, "Things at Howard are cool and being at school in D.C. is not as hectic as people may think. I've been busy with school and Ubiquity, Inc., the organization I joined last spring. This past weekend was our homecoming and it was absolutely wonderful. A lot of celebs came through, but it's Howard so we expect nothing less." Maybe someday Zenovia will be returning to Howard as one of the celeb alumnae!

**Gretchen Gee** has recently joined AmeriCorps NCCC for a year and is based in Charleston, SC. For the next few months her team has been assigned to work with a local school for the first project. She is loving her new experience. She will be updating me on her travels and projects so if you would like to know where she is or what she is up to email me and I'll let you know.

**Elizabeth Turnbull** worked in the White Mountains along the Appalachian Trail this past summer. She continues to like Colby and is running cross-country again.

**Nicole Neilson** says that her classes have been hard this year because she is starting to take classes for her major. She loves living in an apartment and her roommates are great, but, "not as good as **Annie Rickly**, but that's okay she was a once in a lifetime roomie! I think next year I will be getting my own apartment or at least my own room."

**Katie Graham** wrote, "I had an



## class notes

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internship at a radio station this summer. I worked on the morning show, which was really early in the morning (5:30 am), but a great experience and a lot of fun. I'm thinking about pursuing something with the media (just one of the many ideas). I also went to bartending school and worked a couple of catered events. Unfortunately, you have to be 21 down here to bartend, but when I'm home on breaks I plan to work nights in Boston and get a steady job next summer. I just got back from D.C.. A bunch of girls went up for our fall break. I ran into **Jamie Gilberg**. It was neat to see her again. The work has been really hard this year. I'm now a sister of Tri Delta so I also spend a lot of time with those girls. I also play polo a couple of times each week.

**Marc McDonnell** wrote, "I had an awesome summer in Mexico with the Coast Guard doing Drug Enforcement Operations. I got to fire M-16s, .50 caliber machine guns and go on helicopter flight operations. I spent a couple days in Acapulco while with the Coast Guard and I spent a week in London during my two-week summer vacation. Other than that nothing is really new except that this year is a lot harder academically than last year. My email is mcdonel@cadet-mail.uscga.edu if anyone wants to get in touch with me.

**Cassie Depratto** worked a very ambitious 65-70 hours a week this summer in hopes to be able to pay for school this year without the help of her parents or a bank loan. Also, this summer Cassie sang in Gaelic at the Glengarry Highland Games in front of 10-15,000 people. She went white water rafting with **Beth Depratto '01**, **Meg Lloyd '01** and **Kim Jones '01**. Cassie plans to play for the city hockey team that she played for last year. They won the provincial championship last year. I bet with Cassie returning they will win again! Cassie also wrote, "I also

just joined a choir ... and guess what we are singing for Christmas? Handel's Messiah. Bring back memories?" I know Christmas and Handel's Messiah always reminds me of GDA and it probably does for many others that were in the chorus or orchestra.

As many of you all may remember, **Michelle Wheeler** took last year off to sing with Up With People. She spent six months traveling around the mid-western U.S. and through Canada performing, doing community service and living with hundreds of great families. Michelle writes, "It was the greatest time of my life. The people were incredible and will be my lifelong friends and family." However, at Christmas break, Up With People announced they were shutting down all over the world. Michelle was not able to finish her year on the road. Michelle then wanted to do something for a few months before summer so she joined a program called Youth International. She and a group of 16 traveled to India, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Nepal. They did adventure stuff, lived with families, worked in primitive villages and learned about the people and cultures. Michelle says the things she experienced and saw have changed her way of thinking and opinion of the world. Now Michelle is at UMaine, Orono. She is enjoying it and is playing on the Division One volleyball team (she's the shortest player by five inches). Michelle is also singing in a female choir called Athena.

**Jonathan Feeley** wrote, "I'm at Tufts this year as a freshman. I'm playing rugby and having a good time in general." His email address is jonathan.feeley@tufts.edu.

**Jim Clair** wrote that he is doing well at Denver. He went abroad last spring semester to England, France and Germany. This winter he is skiing for the Winter Park Free Style team. Last season

he skied close to 100 days and was able to keep his grades up, so that is the plan again for this year.

**Josh Freeman** joined ZBT at Bentley and has been busy with fraternity stuff. Josh likes school and is working hard. He said that he sees **Pete Aloisi**, **Marc McDonnell**, **Seth Dubinsky** and **Jimmy Chao** often. He also wanted to give a shout out to Seth and Pete, "Props to the crab apples."

**Seth Dubinsky** is now going to Wentworth.

**Tom Hand** wrote, "Hello to everyone. I had a really good summer break, but it flew by too quickly. I am back at UMass now and am extremely busy. My classes in Landscape Architecture require many hours in the studio designing and building models, but at least I am having fun and enjoy what I do. I saw **Dan Muxie**, **Kempton Randolph**, **Joe Cacciatore**, **Elizabeth Turnbull** and **Catherine Correia** this past summer. Catherine and I saw each other a lot and we made a lot of little day trips. The highlight was definitely kayaking down the Narrows River in Narragansett, RI. Right now I am excitedly waiting to become an uncle, as my sister **Kristen '93** is due in November! Hope all is well with everyone."

This past summer **Nick Mincola** emailed and let me know what he was up to. Last winter he left St. Mike's and went home to make some money painting. He put that money towards a Nols trip. He spent a month in the southern Absorkas of Wyoming (a mountain range south of Yellowstone and east of the Tetons near the Wind Rivers). Altogether he traveled 110 miles and reached an elevation of 25,000'. Nick described it as intensely beautiful, a very real experience that still lacks the need for any descriptive words or titles. It just was and continues to be the real beauty of it- it remains in my heart and soul. I definitely fell in love with the



high country and I will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman in the spring of 2002."

**Yu Nakagawa** wants to let everyone know that he is attending Drew University, not Roger Williams University as stated in *The Milestone*. He took last semester off to stay in Japan. He is back at Drew this semester and is healthy and doing well. At graduation last June Bettina Romberg told me she was transferring to URI this year. I hope she is doing well there.

Also, I heard that **Ryan Tilden** is now at American University in D.C.

**Lindsay Gobin** writes, "Not too has much changed since last year. The Denison softball team won the NCAC Conference, and placed second in the NCAA Regional Tournament behind the eventual D III champions. Life in the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority is fantastic. I'm having a blast. **Maria Moore** and I live in the same dorm, so we see each other a lot. Happy Holidays!"

We hope everyone is well. Take care and keep in touch. We want to hear from you!

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**Maria Moore** writes, "Hey Class of 2001! Denison is absolutely wonderful; I am a class senator and a member of the Student Activities Council. I am also an intern at the admissions office! I hope you all are enjoying college as much as I am! I miss you all so much and hope to hear from you soon!"

**Caitlin McIntosh** says, "School is going well, but I miss everyone. I joined the orchestra and take pictures for my school newspaper. I have a new fish for my



Ashley Driscoll, Rebecca Novis, and Nino Balestrieri at Brantwood 2000

room named Sebastian and absolutely love campus and dorm life."

**Ande Tagliamonte** says, "Colorado State University is great! I have been hiking down south into Colorado Springs with my roommate. I travel around on a new bike equipped with a wicker basket. I have been painting an awful lot in my dorm room. I miss home and the good old days of the GDA campus in the spring.

**Justin Becker** received the Mark Twain scholarship award from Elmira College for his academic capabilities. He wrote, "I was elected freshman class president at Elmira College and have been working out with the varsity lacrosse team."

**Meg Lloyd** is making big bucks working construction during her year off. She is training with an awesome hockey team!

**Brad Kasnet** spent his summer working at Water Country in New Hampshire. He had tons of fun. Brad runs into Kim Jones all the time on the Colby campus. While attending a concert in Maine, **Brad** saw **Caitlin Cooper**, **Scott Mayo** and **Chris Delisle**.

**Ashlee Nantoski** loves Quinnipiac. She says, "I have the best roommates and have met so many nice people. I auditioned for the dance company and made it, along with 40 other people. We perform at pep rallies, sports and big school events."

**Adam Shelley** spent the summer in Spain with friends from home. He says, "I was accepted into Cambridge University to study History and International Relations, which I am very excited about! I am playing intercollegiate rugby. I miss our class and the lovely New England weather."

**Rebecca Novis** is thriving at Lewis and Clark. She loves Portland and has become involved in all aspects of campus life. She has had to drop a few things, as she can't fit everything in but she is playing club soccer and has done some traveling with that. Her mom writes, "she tackles life with endless energy."





## THE YEAR OF WOMEN

This year, as we celebrate the women of Governor Dummer Academy, we pay special tribute to the 25 women who were awarded the Morse Flag and Academy Prize.

### Morse Flag Recipients:

Heather Blair '77  
Cynthia W. Horner '81  
Claire B. Danaher '82  
Amy S. Welch '83  
Roechelle L. Smith '84  
Jennifer Lynn Dupre '86  
Anita E. Bartschat '87  
Deana Dominica Boyages '88  
Shannon Ballard Davenport '90  
Catherine D. Burgess '91  
Sarah Kate Atkins '92  
Cara D. Marcous '93  
Ashley B. Russell '95  
Sandra T. Padilla '97  
Maria Rita Vieira '98  
Emily Rose Ouimette '01

### Academy Prize Recipients:

Louise S. Johnson '75  
Ann K. McShea '82  
Kara R. McLoy '88  
Leslie L. McCant '91  
Erin R. Rich '92  
Ilse E. Abusamra '93  
Lauren Elizabeth Carroll '96  
Rebecca Ann Stephenson '98  
Daria Cristel Grayer '00





Benjamin J. Stone

Benjamin J. Stone, a venerable member of the Academy's "Old Guard," died peacefully in a continuing care facility in Bedford Massachusetts on October 26, 2001. Ben had been in failing health for the past year.

Ben was born in Washington, D.C. on June 11, 1910. He attended Hamilton College where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. His college roommate was Morrie Eames, brother of then GDA Headmaster, Ted Eames. After his graduation in 1932, Ben visited Byfield and was offered a position at the Academy where he began a distinguished career that spanned forty-three years. During this extraordinary tenure, he was the consummate boarding school teacher serving the Academy in numerous capacities. Ben taught Latin and Mathematics and chaired the Mathematics Department. He was a corridor master in Perkins, Moody and Pierce. He coached JV soccer and baseball and league basketball. At various times during his four decades in Byfield he occupied key administrative posts including Registrar, Director of Admissions, Director of Studies and Dean of Faculty. Ben was also able to satisfy his passion for music by directing the Choir and serving as the accompanist for the Glee Club.

Ben was an accomplished musician and composer in his own right. He wrote numerous anthems, short pieces for piano and flute, a cantata and a Mass in B flat. The Boston Music Company published a sizable dossier of many of his compositions for choir and chorus.

Outside of GDA, Ben was the organist and choirmaster for Ascension Memorial Church in Ipswich. He sang in the Newburyport Choral Society and was its president for seven years. He was an active member of the Historical Society of Old Newbury. Ben also wrote a column in the Newburyport Evening News called "As I See It."

Eight years ago Ben and his wife Nancy moved to a retirement village in Bedford, Massachusetts. Nancy died in 1998 and Ben remained in the townhouse until last year when he moved into the nursing facility.

In a peripatetic world characterized by mobility and constant change, Ben Stone's career is a testament to the values of loyalty, commitment and sustained excellence. He understood the possibilities and the importance of education. He served his school, his students and his profession well. Ben was one of those lucky individuals to have combined his vocation with his avocation. He once told former Headmaster Peter Bragdon, "A sizable portion of my heart is permanently lodged at GDA."

Ben is survived by his daughters, Nan and Helen and his son Ned.



## in memoriam

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### Hamilton Bates '40

The Academy was informed that Hamilton Bates died on July 26, 2000. While at GDA Ham wrestled; played hockey, lacrosse and football and was a recipient of the Harvard Book Prize.

### Arthur Cameron '65

Arthur "Arty" Cameron died on September 2, 2001 after suffering fatal injuries in a bicycle accident. Arty was an avid polo enthusiast who is remembered by friends and loved ones as being generous with his time and talent. He is survived by his son, Arty, Jr.; his daughter, Cleopatra; and grandson, Maximillian.

### David Sanders Cate '59

David Sanders Cate died on November 21, 2000. Originally from Winnetka, IL, Sandy spent the last several years living and working in the San Fernando Valley near Los Angeles, CA.

Those close to Sandy will remember him for his exceptional intelligence; his uncanny ability to instruct and teach; his deep, uncanny voice; kindness to animals and friends; his sense of humor and his wonderful idiosyncrasies.

Sandy is survived by two brothers, John and Robert; his partner Christine McElwain; his loving parents; beloved pets; and the wild urban creatures he fed and befriended.

### Charles L. Cashin, Jr. '50

Charles L. Cashin, Jr. died on October 4, 2001 at Lowell General Hospital. Cashin was an FAA designated flight examiner and had been in general aviation for 41 years at Cashin Aviation at the Manchester Municipal Airport in Manchester, NH. He is survived by his wife, Valerie; son, Charles; daughter, Susan; and five grandchildren.

### Joseph G. Cook '53

Joseph G. Cook, a retired partner in the Boston insurance firm Brewer and Lord, died of complications of a stroke on July 28, 2001. A trustee of Morgan Memorial Boston and Derby Academy in Hingham, Cook leaves his wife, Joan; four daughters, Linda, Katie, Sydney and Abigail; and three grandchildren.

### Richard Campbell Croll '58

Richard Campbell Croll '58 died on September 17, 2001 from complications of cancer.

Dick will long be remembered for his loyalty and generosity to individuals as well as institutions and charities. At Governor Dummer he established the Croll Fund which has helped to upgrade the Pescosolido Library print collection significantly. Because of his generosity, the library has added nearly 10,000 volumes to their offerings in just five years. He is survived by his brother, Robert F. Croll; his nephews, Robert, Bryan and Steven Croll; his niece Stacey Croll and longtime companion, Jan Gilpin Anderson.

### John P.H. Chandler, Jr. '29

John P.H. Chandler, Jr. died at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Concord, NH. After co-founding the Warner Planning and Development Association, Chandler began a long career in public service when he was elected as a member of the Chandler Reservation Committee. He went on to serve six terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives and seven terms in the New Hampshire Senate. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret and son Jon Chandler, III. He is survived by his children, Thomas, Rose Daniels and Elizabeth Collins; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and one great-greatgrandson.

### William Ainsworth Davison '41

The school was informed by Eunice Ainsworth that her husband William Ainsworth Davison died unexpectedly on December 12, 2001. She noted that Bill's year as an exchange student at GDA was one of the highlights of his life.

### Charles William Earnshaw '36

Martha Earnshaw informed the Academy that her husband of 57 years, Charles William Earnshaw passed away on May 16, 2001. In addition to his wife, Earnshaw is survived by his son, Spencer; two daughters, Carol and Jane; brother, George; and twin granddaughters, Katie and Jennifer.

### Robert M. Gaudin '48

Carol Gaudin wrote to inform the Academy that her husband Robert M. Gaudin passed away on May 27, 2001. After graduating from MIT Bob worked for the Ford Tractor Overseas Operation, which afforded him the opportunity to travel the world. He liked outdoor adventures and fell in love with the west. He moved to Snowmass, CO in 1987 where he served on the Financial Board, Snowmass Homeowners Design Committee and Snowmass Planning Commission. Bob's widow, Carol, can be reached at PO Box 6510, 16 Lemond Circle, Snowmass Village, CO 81615.

### Carl Germain '39

Dorothy Germain informed the Academy that her husband Carl Germain passed away after a lengthy illness on May 13, 2001.

### Donald T. Gibbs '37

Donald T. Gibbs died on May 23, 2001. Gibbs was the longest working librarian of the Redwood Library and Athenaeum of Newport, RI before he retired. He also served as a member of the



Advisory Commission responsible for planning the Nations Conference for Libraries and Information Services. He leaves his wife, Rhode Island Senator June Gibbs; daughter, Elizabeth; and a cousin Marjorie Moerschner.

#### **Dr. Daniel Hanley '35**

Dr. Daniel Hanley passed away on May 6, 2001. "Dr. Dan" was an internationally known expert on athletic injuries who served as the Chief Physician for US Olympic Team from 1964 through 1972. He was the US Representative and permanent member of the Medical Commission of the International Olympic Committee, US Representative on the Medical Committee of the International Amateur Athletic Federation and US Representative on the Medical Commission of the Pan American Sports Organization.

After graduating from Governor Dummer Academy, Hanley attended Bowdoin College and then received his M.D. from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Maria Benoit; two sons, Dr. Daniel Hanley Jr. and Dr. Sean Hanley; two daughters, Sheila Hanley and Dr. Sharon Vitousek; and 11 grandchildren.

#### **Christopher J. Haven**

Christopher J. Haven who coached track at GDA for several years died on September 12, 2001 after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. Haven taught physics at Triton Region High School for 16 years. He was an Eagle Scout, athlete and sport enthusiast who ran in six marathons including two Boston Marathons. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Patricia Haven; his wife, Jennifer; and three children, Elizabeth, Isaac and Erika.

#### **Donald S. Kelsey '39**

Frances Kelsey reported that her husband of 55 years, Donald S. Kelsey, died this past May.

#### **Donald S. Leas, III '73**

Donald "Boy" Leas died July 12, 2001 in his Palm Beach home from stomach cancer. Friends remember Leas as a world-class fisherman who traveled the world in search of the best trolling spots.

#### **Robert McMenson '36**

Elinor McMenson sadly reported that her husband Robert McMenson died on May 29, 2001, two days shy of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

#### **Carl A. Pescosolido**

Carl A. Pescosolido, a dear friend of the Academy died on August 8, 2001. In addition to establishing scholarships at the Academy, Pescosolido generously endowed the Carl A. Pescosolido Library which, built in 1997, includes more than 20,000 square feet of study and research space, a 30,000-volume collection with capacity to 50,000 volumes, 175 data-ports, hundreds of periodicals and expansive, light-filled research areas and group study.

Mr. Pescosolido worked for Gulf Oil for many years before creating Lido Company of New England, which became one of the largest independently owned gasoline companies in New England.

The son of Italian immigrants and the recipient of the Gran Merito della Repubblica, the highest award the president of Italy can bestow upon a non-Italian citizen, Pescosolido's greatest mission was to improve America's understanding of Italian contributions to Western culture. He gave generously to Italian and Italian-American organizations and wrote a book, *The Proud Italians*:

*Our Great Civilizers*, detailing the ways in which Italians thought and shaped the modern world.

After retiring in the mid- 1980s, Pescosolido devoted himself to various educational and philanthropic causes. In addition to his contributions to Governor Dummer, he established scholarships at Harvard College, Deerfield Academy and Ipswich High School.

He leaves his wife, Virginia; his brother, Joe Pescosolido; four children, William Pescosolido, Barbara Carpenter, Richard Pescosolido and Dede Austin; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

#### **Benjamin P. Pierce '39**

Benjamin P. Pierce died on July 1, 2000. The retired president of Tyrone Hydraulics in Mississippi, Pierce earned a B.S. from Bowdoin College and his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School after attending Governor Dummer Academy.

#### **Roderick Manning Rose '52**

Roderick Manning Rose died on May 26, 2001. After earning his B.S. in electrical engineering from Swathmore College, Rose worked as a system engineer. In his retirement he enjoyed playing with computers, teaching engineering refresher courses, consulting on engineering projects and most importantly continuing his active service to the Presbyterian Church of Islip. He leaves his wife, Eugenia Beth Beam and his children, Rod, Jr., Martha, Cyndi and Edwin.



# GDA 20



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All school photograph  
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# Chapel Talk



## Held Tightly

Brooke Bishop '01  
October 8, 2001

*Each Wednesday morning the academic day begins with students and faculty congregated in Moseley Chapel for Chapel Talk. During this time, one member of the community is given the opportunity to share a talent, thought or idea with those gathered. This autumn, Brook Bishop shared the following short story that she had written. She concluded her reading with a personal reflection that is also included below.*

Randolph McPherson rarely felt content, and the pain in his left leg wouldn't let him forget it. But sucking in the thin waves of smoke from his cigarette left him feeling clean. His bottom lip twitched as he exhaled and he smirked at the uncontrollable habit.

The brown plaid seat sank beneath his weight as he shifted to shut off the ignition. Randolph watched translucent ribbons of smoke suffuse the air, pushing against the windows that restricted its voyage. He picked at the spots of white paint that clung to his jeans, wondering if they would ever come out. Not that he cared. What did he need with a pair of clean pants? He was a landscaper, a dime a dozen. Getting paid not much more than that. He combed his coarse eyebrow with his thumb and pushed the thought away. Ella would remind him of his insufficient pay when he arrived home for supper.

An amusing thought caused his stomach to push at the spaces in between the cream colored buttons on his shirt. "If she doesn't like my pay now, she won't like it much when she finds out I'm fired!" He mused, shaking softly. A church bell across the street released six eerie wails, each toll taking its time to fade. The performance ended and the bell sat patiently, waiting for the next hour.

Randolph shoved his cigarette into the ashtray and opened the tractor door. "When's that damn thing gonna fall down?" He mumbled, easing cautiously down the rust covered steps.

"Ay, McPherson." A cheerful voice shot out.

"Ryan," Randolph nodded his head in acknowledgement, "how's the embankment doing on the west side?"

"Nothi'n a little Irish blood can't handle." The man's square voice twisted with amusement.

Randolph smirked at the patriotic comment as he lifted a danish covered in saran wrap out of his pocket. Ryan studied his best friend's face, searching for gentle words.

"Whad'ya need that for when you got Ella at home cooking you a hot meal?"

Randolph stared at the veins on the back of his hands and continued to unwrap the pastry. Ryan shrugged at the silence and prodded the ground with his work boot. He had seen those shoes in the window at McCormick's and fell in love with them instantly.

When he learned that the sued stallions were marked at only twenty pounds he whooped for joy and leaped at the cash register.

"Come on." Randolph took a bite out of the Danish and started walking.

"Rand. . ." Ryan's voice tipped upward with a plea rising in his throat.

"Come on." Randolph stated flatly, limping towards the main road. His



hand hovered above his hurt knee with every bend. Ryan watched the tilted figure fade and then re-appear as it walked beneath a streetlight. Randolph's green polo shirt was stained and wrinkled. His wavy brown hair had grown into a shaggy mop that skimmed the middle of his ears. He froze under the streetlight and turned to meet the gaze he knew had never left him. Hundreds of bugs turned to gold as they danced beneath the light, and for an instant Ryan saw Randolph as a God framed in angelic light.

"Alright," Ryan exhaled, "but just one."

Randolph's somber green eyes filled with life at the prospect of going to the tavern. Ryan shook his head from side to side and laughed. He ran his fingers through his red hair and down his neck to massage his shoulder. Goose bumps rose on his pale hands as the still night turned a darker shade of blue. A mischievous wind rose over the hillside and cascaded down, shoving playfully at the unsuspecting trees.

"To Oriely's!" Randolph slapped Ryan's back and shoved his hands into his weary pockets.

Cruyton Street was lined with black lampposts, each playing host to a dim ball of light. The sidewalk held specks of silver that sparkled even to those who weren't consumed with drink, and the windowpanes on either side of the street reflected strangers that passed by. The only sign of life was down at O'Reilly's. Laughter and music flowed out of the windows on waves of heat soaked in liquor. Two men stumbled down the sidewalk, one tipping sideways and other stooping to prevent his fall.

"Tis me!" Randolph stated in glee and disbelief. His pointer finger pressed against the reflection of himself in the window.

"What are the chances of I running into myself?" Each word made his tongue thicker. Randolph turned to Ryan with innocent curiosity.

"Incredible." Ryan replied as he hoisted Randolph's arm over his shoulder.

Randolph stared quizzically at the shadows darkening in the bookstore and grabbed at Ryan's wrist to look at his watch. He turned to face the first signs of light creep over the hillside and drew an unsteady breath.

"What a beautiful life to have." He murmured softly, studying the birth of morning. Randolph lifted his hand to study the ring on his finger.

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I observe, write, and move on. Observe, write, move on. My passion is writing, and if it weren't for observation my passion wouldn't even exist. Every thought, every judgment, springs from an observation. I've come to realize that sometimes its better to take notice. ...and move on. You don't have to have an opinion on everything. God forbid we don't run our mouths off at the drop of a hat. To observe is to be enlightened.

You'll be more the wiser for simply acknowledging something's presence and enjoying that you know its there.

## Technology in the Classroom

The Computer Support for Collaborative Learning (CSCL) has invited GDA science teacher Hal Scheintaub to speak at a conference in Arizona this January on the integration of technology in the teaching of science.

Hal first became involved with the CSCL in the summer of 2000 when he attended a workshop on computer modeling of complex systems at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Before attending the workshop, Hal had a vision of his students experiencing the excitement of the new sciences and exploring complex systems. He envisioned his students getting a sense of the importance of interactions, not only actions, in shaping events. He hoped that their world-view would expand to include cooperation, as well as competition, as driving forces their worlds, as well as the larger world.

What he learned at the workshop helped make his vision a classroom reality.

Today, his students use computer models to discover ecological and evolutionary principles and to understand the importance of randomness and multiple interactions and the complexity in living systems.

At the conference in January Dr. Scheintaub will share his success and help other educators explore the integration of creative and cooperative computing in their classrooms.



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